Acc. no. 12805
Loan no. 221

perm (370)

Journal of a whale Voyage to the Polar Sea & Elsewhere in the Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington. By Gilbert Pendleton Jr Master

Samuel Goddard London

X 1a

1875

Japan Sperm Whale Ground
Lat 35 North Long 164 East.

Whale Ground in the South
Pacific Lat 37 to 45 S Long 145 to 158
December

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Outward Bound

Wednesday July 23d 1851

The first part of the day light wind from the westward & hazy, at 9 AM cleared up. I bid My family good by & started for Stonington. At 1 PM took anchor & stood out through watch Hill reef. at 2.30 PM discharged the Pilot braced forward & stood out to sea; all hands imployed in stowing anchors & getting things snug. At 6 PM passed out between Block Island & montaug; got all snug. Called all hands aft & gave them to under stand what my rules & regulations would be & what they must expect if they disobaed them. Chose watches & boats crews; at 7 brisk breezes from SW & thick fog; took in topgallant sails & flying jib for the night. Steering S E by E. Thinking much of My dear family & My Prayer to god is, that he will protect them & me & Spare us to meet agane in this world, & bless me with a prosperus Voyage.

Thursday July 24th

Commences with brisk breezes from SW & thick weather, the Ship gaving S E by E. at 6 AM more pleasant Set light Sails & Steered E S E, all hands imployed in fitting boats & Coiling lines & getting ready for Whaleing past a Bark Ship & Heromaphrodite Brig heading to the westward, the latter part Steered E So Eas

Lat 40.20.00 N Long 68.19.15 W

6

Ship Betsey of Stonington Outward

Friday July 25th — These twenty four hours begins with light winds from SW & hazy Weather. Steered E. the middle & latter part brisk breezes & some Squals, all hands imployed in getting boats cleaning guns &c Steered E by S, saw a few small Blackfish & Ends

Lat 40.39.45 N Long 65.49.30 W

Saturday July 26th — The first part of this day Strong wind from W & Squally with Thunder lightning & rain, Steered E by S. The Middle part pleasant.. The latter part Squally with strong wind heavy thunder Sharp lightning Powerful rain. Saw Blackfish. & Ends

Lat 40.41.43 N Long 62.30.15 W

Sunday July 27th — The first part Strong gales from SW & Squally, Steered E by S under double reefed fore & main Topsail & Foresail. The middle part Strong gales & more pleasant, set reefed mizen Topsail, a cross ugly sea going. The latter part More moderate, set main Sail & jib, Steering ESE — & Ends

Monday July 28th — Commences with Strong wind from SW by S & Squally, steering ESE under double reefed Topsails jib & courses. The Middle part More moderate Made more Sail. The latter part clear weather a heavy Sea going Saw Blackfish & Ends

Lat 40.46.01 N Long 65.08.30 W

Bound July & August 1851

Tuesday July 29 — Commences with brisk wind from SW & Clear weather. Steered ESE, at 4.30 P M thick rainy weather with Thunder & Lightning. The middle & latter part light wind from SW to WSW & pleasant a heavy Sea going So Ends

Lat 40-29-25 N Long 62-09-15 W

Wednesday July 30th — The first part of this day pleasant breezes from SW & Clear weather, Steered ESE. The middle part Equally. The last part Strong gales & Equally double reefed the fore & main Topsails, furled the mizen Topsail, jib, & mainsail Saw Grampuses & Porpoises. So Ends

Thursday July 31st — Commences with Strong gales from WSW & thick rainy weather. Steered ESE under double reefed fore & main Topsails & foresail. The Middle part more moderate made more Sail. The last part light wind from N & more pleasant So Ends

Lat 40-38-35 N Long 45-00-45 W

Friday August 1 — The first part brisk breezes from N & passing clouds. The middle & latter part light wind from NE Steered ESE. Saw a Ship Steering Eastward & a brig Westward So Ends

Lat 40-15-45 N Long 43-18-15 W

Saturday Aug the 2nd — Commences with light wind from N & pleasant weather the Ship heading ESE by the wind. The middle part light airs & baffling. At 10 AM Turned the Steward out of the Cabbin & sent him

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

into the forecastle as foremast hand,
he not being capeable of doeing Stewards
duty & more than that he had no complaint
on him that was not proper for one
to have & be Steward. I took Charles
Clark into the cabbin as Steward hopeing
he would make a far better one.
The latter part light wind from E&E
the Ship heading N E at 8 PM lowered
the 3 Larboard boats to Exersise the Crews
5 men being sick I did not lower -
Lat 40.23.36 N Long 41.18.45 W

Sunday
August 3d All of these twenty four hours pleasant
breezes from E&E to S the Ship heading
N E to E&E and Finbacks &c Ends
Lat 41.21.18 N Long 39.41.45 W

Monday
Aug 4th Commences with pleasant breezes from S&W
& fine weather Steered S&byE, at ½ PM
Saw Sperm Whales going quick to the
N & E, Kept the Ship off for them at
8 came up with them & lowered 3 Boats
Mr Thompson Struck one & one of the
men Cut the line through mistake
Mr Penney Struck the same whale &
Saved him, could not get fast to any
more & went off very quick. Took the
Whale to the Ship & got ready for Cutting
at 1 PM hooked on, at 3 finished, the
weather thick & raining Kept off S E & cleaned
up decks. at 8 pleasant the wind NW &c
3 Ships &c Ends Lat 41.47.33 N Long 38.52.15 W

Sperm
Ws P.
12

Outward Bound August 1851

Tuesday Aug 5th — Commences with light wind from NW & pleasant weather, at daylight commenced getting ready for boiling, at 11 AM Hauled the works. The Middle & latter part wind & weather the same, Steered SE Saw Nothing, So Ends

Lat 41-04-45 N Long 34-54-45 W

Wednesday Aug 6th — These twentyfour hours begins with brisk breges from NW & pleasant weather. Steered SE, imployed in boiling, at 2 A M finished at Noon Steered SEby S, at 3 PM SSE. at 5 made the Island of Flores bearing SSE 25 miles. at 8 PM Squally, put the Ship under double reefed Topsails & handed on the wind to windward of the Island to be ready to run in, in the Morning if the weather Should be favourable to get off recruits. The wind at this time NNW & blowing Strong. Saw a Schooner to leward under Short Sail heading to the north, So Ends

Lat at Noon 40-20-47 N Long 31 W 32-13-15 W

Thursday Aug 7th — Commences with brisk wind from NNW & Squally weather, the Ship Standing off & on to windward of the Island. at 4 AM Kept off & run in for Pontolgada at 10 got abreast of it found it too rugged to land, run round to Santa Cruze on the East Side at 1 PM handed, went through the usual forms & Ceremonies with the Custom house officers, & then engaged

9

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

My recruits at 5 P came off with 2 men from the shore to look at the articles I had to sell. I sold them some Cloth, Tea, &c, at 6 a boat came off with 50 bushels Potatoes & 2000 Onions. leaveing 50 Bushels of Potatoes & 8000 Onions to come off in the Morning. Saw a bark Ship & a Brig Standing in for the land. So Ends, the Cook as drunk as a fool ——————

Friday
Aug 8th Begins with Strong winds from the westward & squally weather the Ship Standing on & off the land under 2 reefed Topsails, at 4 P M Stood Close in at 8 I landed to send off the remainder of My recruits at Noon Sent off 50 Bushels Potatoes 8000 Onions 25 Dozen Eggs & 3 Men that I Shiped, their names I have not Sent. . at 3 P M Came off & Started for Fayal . . Steered NE with Strong gales from WSW & squally Saw Several Sail in the offing So Ends

Saturday
Aug 9th Commences with Strong winds from W & squally weather, the Ship under double reefed Topsails Steered NE for Fayal at 4 A M Steered NE light airs & pleasant Saw grampuses, at 8 P M Stood Close in to the harbour & I went ashore took the men with me that lived there to See their friends . . took 2 Passingers ashore that the Consul sent from Flores at 6 P M I Came off, left the men to Spend the night with their friends

Ton Outward Bound August 1861

Sunday Aug 10th The first part light airs & calms, the Ships lying between Fyal & Pico, at 8 AM I sent The first mate in to the landing to get the men that stopped onshore, & leave letters to go home, at 2 PM pleasant breezes from W.N.W & fine weather, at 3 PM Penney Came off with all the men, Kept the Ship off to the South & Made Sail in Company with the Two Brothers of New Bedford and Grampuses. at 6 PM Steered S.E. So Ends

Monday Aug 11th Commences with brisk breezes from W & fine weather. at 4 AM Squally The Middle part the same & wind from S.W. The last part Wind N & more pleasant. Saw a Finback So Ends

Lat 37.13.21 N Long 25.35.15 W

Tuesday Aug 12th The first light wind from N, Steered S.E. The middle & latter part light airs from N.W & fine weather. imployed in Stowing Spair Spars making boatsails &c at 6 PM Lowerd the Boats to Rinse the crews. Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 36.04.31 N Long 25.08.00 W

Wednesday Aug 13th All of this day light airs & calms from N.W & fine weather. Steered S.S.E. imployed in braking out the between decks forward & Stowing it over. Caught a Small Turtle Lat 35.34.30 Long 25.32.15 W

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Thursday Aug 14th — The first & middle part of this day light baffling airs & Calms, the Ship heading to the S & E. The last part light airs from E Steered S SE — Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 34.55.10 N

Friday Aug 15th — Commences with light wind from ESE & pleasant weather, the Ship heading S by the wind — The watches imployed in various duties; the Cooper making missing Tubs. The Carpenter & myself making some alterations in the pantry, at 6 PM Steered SW So Ends

Lat 33.25.38 N Long 23.03.00 W

Saturday Aug 16th — All of these twenty four hours pleasant breezes from the Eastward & fine weather Steered SW. all imployed in various duties Saw 2 Ships Steering to the Westward So Ends

Lat 31.05.00 N Long 23.20.30 W

Sunday Aug 17th — All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from E & good weather Steered S by W Saw a Ship Steering to the S & W. So ends

Lat 27.56.00 N Long 23.03.30 W

Monday Aug 18th — All of this day brisk breezes from N E & hazy weather. Steered S by W. Saw Ship Steering to the S & W. So Ends. Lat 24.41.00 N Long 22.55.15 W

17

This day my Dear Wife if living is 33 years old. I pray God to spare her many years

Outward Bound August 1851

Tuesday
Aug 19th All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from N N E to N E the weather Smoky Steered S S W & S by W. Employed in various Ships duty So Ends
Lat 22-01-00 N Long 22-46-15 W

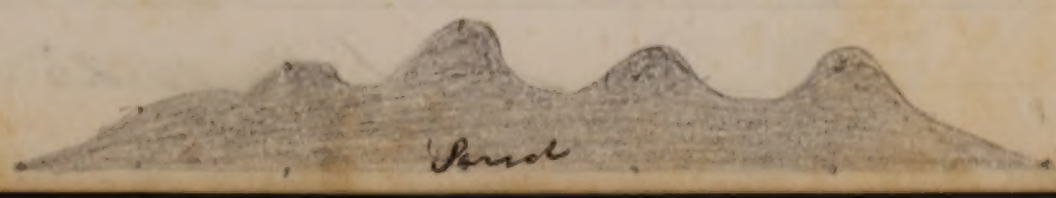
Wednesday
Aug 20th Commences with brisk breezes from the Eastward & cloudy weather Steered S by W The middle part more pleasant. The latter part light baffling winds from the South & thick rainy weather; one Ship in sight So Ends
Lat 19-07-34 N

Thursday
Aug 21st All of these twenty four hours light winds from the Southward the Ship heading to W S W. and nothing to Ends
Lat 18-07-48 N Long 23-20-45 W

Friday
Aug 22nd Commences with baffling airs & Calms from the South. the Ship heading to the westward. The middle & latter part light airs from the North & fine weather Steered S by S. and nothing to Ends
Lat 17-28-00 N Long by L 23-45-30 by, C 23-49-00 W

Saturday
Aug 23 Begins with light winds from the North & fine weather Steered S at 6 A M the Island of Sal bore E 15 Miles

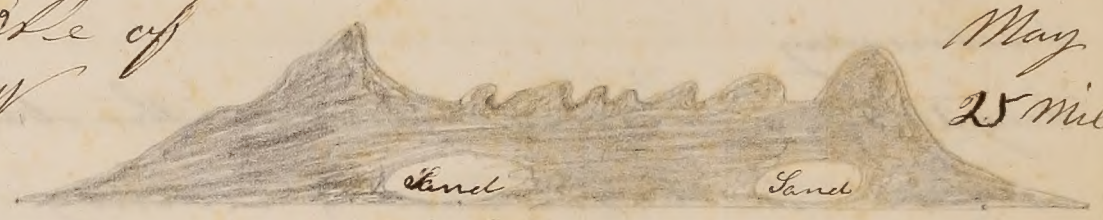
The Isle of Sal
bearing E 15 Miles



Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

at 10.30 A.M Bonavista bore E 12 Miles
at 1,20 P.M past Leton rocks 1 Mile
off the Lee.

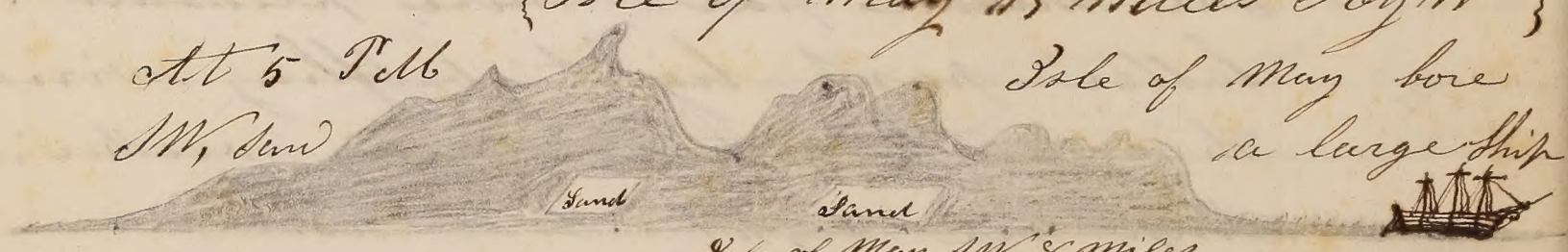
bracking heavy on them - at 2.30 P.M
saw the Isle of May
bearing Sby W



May 25 Miles

Isle of May 15 Miles Sby W

at 5 P.M
NW, saw



Isle of May bore
E a large Ship

on the N W point with lower masts standing. brisk breezes from N steered S by E Ends. Lat at noon 15.58.44 N Long 23.17

Sunday
Day 24th The first part of this day brisk breezes from the North & good weather. steered Sby W. the middle & latter parts light airs and nothing to Ends
Lat 13.57.08 N Long 23.00.00 W

Monday
Day 25th The first part of this day light airs & Calms from the N & E steered Sby W the Middle & latter part Calm & light airs from the Southward the Ship heading to the S & E. Employed ourselves in Making some alterations in the Boatsteerers room, and nothing to Ends

Lat 13.25.00 N

14

Ton Outward Bound August 1851

Tuesday
Aug 26th Commences with light airs from the S & W The Ship heading to the S & E at 3 PM raing weather. at 8 PM the wind hauled to N E & More pleasant, Steered S W had no Ship ahead. At 3 PM wind S the Ship heading W N W. at 4,30 PM lowerd 4 boats for Blackfish with out Success. Came onboard & Stood on heading S the wind W N W a brisk breeze. The above named Ship close by. the weather looking wild So Ends at 8 Spoke the South Caroliner of new Bedford Captain Elexander

Wednesday
Aug 27th Commences with brisk breezes from from W N W & finally the Ship heading S The Middle part light wind from the North & raing Steered S W. The latter part brisk wind from W N W to W N W. So Ends. No observation

Thursday
Aug 28th The first & Middle part of this day brisk breezes from W to N W & thick raing weather Steered S W. The last part Stony wind from N, at 6 PM 2 reefed the fore & mizzen Topsails, a bad Sea going from all points of the Compass So Ends

Friday
Aug 29th The first of this day Stony wind from W to W N W the Ship heading S W to S. The middle & latter part pleasant breezes from S W to S W by S the Ship heading S E to S E by S saw a big

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Steering N = at 8.30 AM Mr Penne
reported to me, that Joseph Rogers &
James Blackburn had been fighting
& were badly bruised, & James had
put his thumb out of joint. I
Called them aft & asked them
if they had forgotten the Orders I
gave them, & what I told them
about fighting, the day we left
Stonington, they said they had not.
I then told them that I should
flog both of them for breaking the
rules & regulations of the Ship. I
put them in the Main rigging &
gave James 6 six blowes with a four
tailed Cat, he promised better behavour
for time to Come & said he would not
fight any More; with that promise I
let him go. I then gave Joseph
8 Eight Stripes with the same Cat
he was very Stubborn & would not
Yeald or promise to do better. I gave
him 4 More which Caused him to
promise better behaviour & I let him
go under these fare promises, but I have
but little faith in them for he is
a bad tempered fellow, but I hope
& believe the Cat proppery applied
will fetch him to it, It gives me
pain to use it but I must & will
have order onboard of My Ship so long as
I am Master = Lat 6°13.34 N Long 21°15.15 W

Outward Bound August 1851

Saturday Aug 30th — All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from SSW to SbyW. The Ship heading SE to SEbyE. Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 5°01'15 N Long 19°20'30 West

Sunday Aug 31 — Commences with brisk breezes from S to SSW & good weather the Ship heading SE to ESE. At 9.30 AM tacked Ship to WbyS. Saw a Ship & 2 brigs working to the South. So Ends

Lat 4°27'50 N Long 16°44'45 West

Monday Sept 1 — All of these twenty four hours pleasant breezes from the South & fine weather; employed in working the Ship to windward. Saw a humpback, at Sunset saw blackfish So Ends the Ship heading WbyS

Lat 3°47'22 N Long 17°34'30 W

Tuesday Sept 2nd — All of this day pleasant breezes from SbyW to S & fine weather the Ship heading WbyS to WSW. Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 2°50'14 N Long 19°43'15 W

Wednesday Sept 3 — All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from SbyE to SSE & passing Clouds. The Ship heading SWbyW & W; past a Ship going the same So Ends

Lat 00°33'17 N Long 21°27'15 W

17

Ship Betsey Williams of Ston

Thursday Sept 4th — All of these twenty four hours pleasant breezes from SE by S. Steered SW saw an English Ship steering to the North & East. So Ends

Lat 2° 13' 47" South Long 23° 17' 00" W

Friday Sept 5th — All of this day light wind from SSE & S by S & fine weather. Steered SW. Saw Finbacks So Ends

Lat 40° 20' 18" S Long 24° 33' 00" W

Saturday Sept 6th — The most of these twenty four hours light wind from SSE & pleasant. Steered SW. At 11.30 AM split the Flying Jib onbent it, repaired it & bent it. At 2 PM lowered 3 boats for Blackfish without success, came onboard & stood on. A heavy Sea running from SW So Ends = Lat 5° 31' 35" S Long 25° 53' 45" W

Sunday Sept 7th — All of the twenty four hours light baffling winds from the S & E & frequent showers of rain. A very heavy Sea running from SW. Steered SW. Split Fore Topgallantsail saw nothing So Ends

Lat 7° 50' 07" S Long 26° 55' 30" W

Monday Sept 8th — The first & Middle part of this day light wind from the S & E & rainy weather. Steered SW. The last part brisk wind & a heavy Sea from SW took in Topgallantsails & Flying Jib. So Ends

ington Outward Bound Sept 1851

Tuesday Sept 9th — The first part of this day brisk breezes from SSE & Squally weather. Steered SW The middle & latter part more pleasant repaired the fore topgallantsail & bent it Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 10.38.25 S Long 29.05.00 W

Wednesday Sept 10th — All of these twentyfour hours brisk breezes from S.S.E & good weather. Steered SW. Saw Nothing. So Ends

Lat 13.00.08 S Long 30.59.15 W

Thursday Sept 11th — All of this day brisk breezes from SSE to SE & pleasant weather. Steered SE. Saw Nothing. So Ends

Lat 16.42.08 South Long 33.04.30 West

Friday Sept 12th — The first part of this day brisk winds from E SE & pleasant weather. Steered SW The middle & latter part light winds Saw a bark ship bound S Saw Finbacks at 6 PM Shortened Sail & Came too with the foretopsail aback. wanting to cross this ground by daylight. in hopes to See Sperm Whales

Lat 18.13.05 South Long 34.50.00 West

Saturday Sept 13th — Commences with light winds from the Eastward & fine weather. at 6 AM Made Sail & Steered W.W. Middle & latter part wind & weather the same Steered WW & W Saw finbacks at Sunset Shortened Sail & Hove aback. Lat 14.28.08 Long 36.15.00 West

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Sunday Sept 14th — Commences with light wind from ESE & pleasant weather. The Ship lying with the maintopsail aback heading NE. At 6 AM Made Sail & Steered S. The Middle & latter part wind & weather the same saw Finbacks. At Sunset past a Ship Steering to the North. So Ends This day

Lat 19-10-02 South. Long 36-52-30 West

Monday Sept 15th — The first part of this day light wind from ESE & good weather. Steered S. The Middle part light wind from E & NE saw a Ship bound South. The watches imployed in varions Ships duty, & turned some deadeys for backstays &c. Steered S by W At 6 PM Steered SW light wind from NE. Saw Finbacks. So Ends

Lat 21-40-06 South Long 36-20-00 West

Tuesday Sept 16th — The first part light wind from NE & pleasant weather. Steered SW. At 6 AM Commenced broking out between decks to Cooper the head found it very slack. The Middle part brisk wind. The latter part the same. At 6 PM got through Coopering & stowing back saw nothing. So Ends

Lat 23-22-14 South Long 38-09-30 West

Outward Bound September 1851

Wednesday Sept 17th — Commences with brisk breezes from N E. Steered S W. At 7 P M wind hauled to the westward with some rain squalls. At 8 P M strong gales from the S & W & thick raing weather. The Ship heading S E. Saw reefed the Topsails & furled the Mainsail & Jib. At 6 veered Ship to W by S. a bad sea going So Ends

Thursday Sept 18th — Commences with strong gales from W by S & a bad sea going. The Ship heading W by S under two reefed Topsails & foresail, at 8 A M more moderate Set Mainsail & jib, the wind N W the Ship heading W. The latter part, wind & weather the same. Saw a number of Haglets flying round the Ship So Ends

Lat 25-55-00 South Long 41-09-30 West

Friday Sept 19 — Commences with Strong wind from S W & clear weather the Ship heading N. at 1 P M More moderate tacked Ship to S E. The middle & latter part strong wind from S S W & squally. The Ship heading S E. Saw 2 Sail Steering Eastward. At 3 P M doubled reefed the fore Topsail So Ends

Lat 26-15-16 South Long 41-14-30 West

Saturday Sept 20th — This day begins with strong wind from S S W & squally, the Ship heading S E under 2 reefed Topsails, jib, foresail & Mainsail. Wind increases took in mainsail & jib. At 8 A M veered Ship to S W The middle & latter part wind baffling & squally

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Caught a number of small birds with a hook & line, for the Dog & Cat. Saw Finbacks Saw a Ship Steering to the N & E So Ends

Lat 26-39-00 South Long 41-01-00 West

Sunday
Sept 21th The first & middle part of this day light airs from the S & E & cloudy weather. the Ship heading SW & S W by S. The last part light baffling airs & calms from the N & E. Steered S W by S Saw Nothing. So Ends

Monday
Sept 22nd The first part of this day light wind from E N E to N E. Steered S W by S. the middle & latter part brisk breezes from N E to N. Steered S W. Employed in various Ships duty. Drilled some Holes through the rim of the Try pots & rivited them together. Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 28-57-39 South Long 33-28-30 West

Tuesday
Sept 23d Commences with brisk breezes from N & hazy weather, Steered S W. the middle part thick rainy weather Saw fin backs. At noon the wind Shifted to S & by E with a strong breeze, at 1 PM 2 reefed the Topsails & took in the jib the Ship heading S W by S, at 6 took in the Mainsail Strong wind & thick rainy Weather So Ends — No Observation

Two Months to day Since I left My dear family & Native land for a long Voyage

Outward Bound September 1851 —

Wednesday Sept 24th — Commences with Strong gales from the S & E & thick rainy Squally weather. The Ship heading S W. took in fore & Mizzen Topsails. at 6 A M More pleasant Set 2 reefed fore & Mizzen Topsails. the Middle part clear weather. The latter part Squally, at 6 P M close reefed the Topsails. the wind S. the Ship heading W S W by the wind. Saw a Brig steering to the N & E So Ends

Lat 31-24-23 South Long 47-09-45 West

Thursday Sept 25th — This day begins with Strong gales from S & heavy squals. the ship heading W S W under close reefed Topsails. At 8 A M veered Ship to S E by E. & let one reef out the main Topsail; a very heavy sea going. the middle part more pleasant. at 4 P M heavy Squals, Close reefed the Main Topsail, at 6 took in foresail the wind S W, the Ship heading S S E. Caught a good many birds & had a good Mess fore & aft. 2 men sick & off duty So Ends

Lat 31-43-02 S Long 48-48-30 West

Friday Sept 26th — Commences with heavy gales from S W & Squally the Ship heading S S E under close reefed Topsails. At 9 A M Set foresail. the middle part the same, the latter part rather more moderate. Saw a Turtle & many birds. So Ends

Lat about 32-12-00 S Long 47-38-45 W

73

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Saturday Sept 27th — Commences with Strong gales from SW. The Ship heading SSE under close reefed Topsails & Foresail. At 6 PM light wind & fine weather Made all Sail, the Middle part the Same. Unbent the Foretopsail & bent another one. The latter part light airs from S E the Ship heading SW. Saw Finbacks &c Ends. Lat 33.00.45 South Long 46.36.45 W

Sunday Sept 28th — The first part of this day light wind from the N & E. Steered SSW. The Middle & latter part brisk breezes from N. Steered SW by S. Saw a good Many Finbacks & Caught a Porpoise &c Ends

Lat 34.13.16 S Long 47.55.30 West

Monday Sept 29th — Commences with brisk breezes from N. Steered SW by S. At 7 PM had a heavy Squall from SW. put the Ship under Close reefed Main Topsail. At 9 PM light wind & more pleasant Made Sail. The middle part light wind from the N & E. Steered SW by S. The latter part light airs from the South the Ship heading to the N & E. At 6 PM took in Sail for the night &c Ends

Lat 36.23.42 South

Outward Bound September & October 1851

Tuesday Sept 30th — Commences with light wind from the Eastward & cloudy weather . At 5:30 AM Made Sail heading S and many Finbacks The middle part brisk breezes . at 4 PM thick rainy weather took in Sail ; brisk wind from E , the Ship heading NE . So Ends

Wednesday October 1 — Commences with Strong gales from the Eastward & thick rainy weather . The Ship heading to the S & E under close reefed main Topsail . The middle part wind N . The latter part , the wind hauled to the N W & More moderate . So Ends

Thursday Oct 2 ond — The first & middle part Calm pleasant weather The latter part light airs from the S & E the Ship heading S W . took of the round house & wedged the tiller in the under head . At 8 AM two men by the name of Blake & Baker had a fight in the forecastle . I Called them aft & flogged both of them With a 3 tailed Cat gave them 6 Stroaks each & let them go . with a promise from them to doo better for time to Come ; At 6 PM took in Sail . 2 Ships in Sight So Ends Lat 37 . 10 . 00 S Long 28 . 54 . 30 W

Friday Oct 3d — This day begins with light wind from S S E . At day light Made all Sail Steering S W The latter part light wind from E & fine weather , and Finbacks & Grampuses

Saw a Sail & Caught a large turtle . Lat 37 . 16 . 07 S Long 28 . 20 . 00 West

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Saturday Sept 4th — Commences with light wind from the Eastward & good weather, the Ship heading going SW, under 2 reefed Main Topsail & Foresail. at daylight made Sail. the Middle part brisk breezes. the latter part Strong wind & thick weather. at 6 PM hove too under Close reefed main Topsail heading N. the wind E or E. Saw Finbacks So Ends Lat 38.00.18 N Long 51.16.00 W

Sunday Oct 5th — This day begins with heavy gales from E or E & thick rainy weather, the Ship heading N under Close reefed main Topsail & Main Spencer & fore Topmast Staysail. at 5 AM wind hauled to NNW, the Ship heading W. at 2 PM wind WNW veered Ship to NW. Strong Gales & Clear weather Saw whales blowing to windward. Saw a large Turtle. at dark wind W. So Ends

Monday October 6th — Commences with Strong gales from the westward & clear weather, the Ship heading NNW under Close reefed Maintopsail. at 5 AM light winds made Sail heading WNW. the Middle part Strong wind Saw a good many finbacks. at 2 PM kept off S. the last part light wind, at Sunset set took in Sail for the night So Ends

Lat 37.07.38 S Long 51.58.45 W

Ton Outward Bound October 1851

Tuesday
October 7th

Begins with light wind from the westward & fine weather, - at 5 AM Made Sail Steering S. The Middle part the Same The last part brisk wind & hazy weather - at Sunset took in Sail heading SW Saw Finbacks & Several pieces of Squid

Lat 39.55.42 S Long 52.15.30 W

Wednesday
October 8th

Commences with Strong wind from WNW at 5 AM made double reefed Topsails heading SW by W to WNW by the wind. Middle & latter part the Same. Saw many Finbacks & Some parts of Squid. - at Sunset took in Sail. So Ends

Lat 38.54.53 S Long 52.41.00 West

Thursday
Oct 9th

Commences with Strong wind from NW & clear weather. The Ship heading WNW. at 12 M veered to NE. at 5 AM Set 2 reefed Topsails. The Middle & latter part Strong wind from NW to NbyW the Ship heading NW & to NbyW. at 6 PM took in Sail So Ends Peter Stanley, Still Sick & off duty. I have been quite sick to day, but - am better this evening — Lat 39.13.43 S Long 52.26.30 W

Friday
Oct 10th

Commences with Strong wind from NbyW at 5 AM made Sail heading NEby E. at 9 AM tacked Ship to W. The last part more moderate at dark took in Sail Saw Finbacks So Ends

Lat 38.13.31 S Long 51.57.30 W

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Saturday
Oct 11th

Commences with light wind from the N & W. the Ship heading to the Westward. at 5 AM light baffling airs & calms & thick rainy weather. at 1 PM light wind from the N & E & More pleasant Made Sail heading to N W. Saw Finbacks. at Sunset took in Sail the wind to the S & W. the Ship heading to the S & E. So Ends. No Observation

Sunday
October 12th

This day begins with light wind from the South. at 5 AM made Sail & steered to the W N W by the wind, at 10 Strong wind & Clear weather. at Noon Came too under Close reefed Main Topsail & Foresail heading W N W. at 1 PM steered Ship to W by S. Saw Many Finbacks. The latter part wind hauled to the S & East So Ends

Lat 37.00.45 S Long 52.38.30 W

Monday
October 13th

Commences with light wind from the South. at 5 AM Made Sail heading to the westward, The weather rather Squally. The Middle & latter part fine pleasant weather caught a turtle; Saw Many Finbacks. At dark Shortened Sail. So Ends. Lat 37.25.24 South

Long 53.24.20 West

PS Saw some parts of Sperm

Cruising in the South Atlantic Oct 1817

Tuesday Oct 14th — This day begins with brisk breezes from W & W & fine weather, at day light Made Sail heading NW. at 8 AM tacked to S. The middle & latter part the same saw Finbacks, at dark took in Sail & Ends

Lat 37.48.24 S Long 53.41.30 W

Wednesday Oct 15th — Commences with light airs from the WSW & fine pleasant weather. At 5 AM Made all Sail heading S & by W. The Middle part strong Gales & clear weather; at 11.30 reduced to double reefed Topsails Jib & Mainsail in. The last part more Moderate. Saw Finbacks & Ends

Lat 38.42.10 S Long 53.27.00 West

Thursday Oct 16th — Begins with strong wind from the Westward, at 5 AM Made Sail & Steered SSW. The middle part more moderate The last part, the wind hauled to NW & hazy weather. Saw Fin & Humpbacks. At Sunset Came too under Close reefed Main Topsail heading WSW & Ends Lat 41.30.16 S Long 53.54.15 W

Friday Oct 17th — Commences with brisk wind from WNW. at 6 AM Made Sail & Steered Sby W. The Middle & latter part light airs & hazy weather. Saw a Finback & Porpoises & 14 to 20 pieces of Spruce, at dark took in Sail Lat 43.17.29 S Long 54.27.00 W

27

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Saturday Oct 18th — Commences with with light wind from the South & west & fine weather, at 5 PM Made Sail heading SEby E. The middle part the Same. The latter part light wind from the Westward. Saw Finbacks & porpises, Saw 2 King Pinguin, at Sunset took in Sail. So Ends

Lat 43.37.00 S Long 54.28.45 West

Sunday Oct 19th — This day begins with brisk wind from W & clear weather. at 5 AM made Sail heading SSW. The middle part light wind. The latter part the Same Saw 1 Finback, at dark took in Sail. So Ends Lat 44.50.18 S. Long 54.17.15 W.

Monday Oct 20th — This day begins with brisk winds from NW. at 5 AM Made Sail & Steered SWby S. The Middle part Cloudy weather & Some rain. The latter part More pleasant, & light winds from Wby S. Saw one poor Solitary Finback, & a few birds. So Ends

Lat 45.48.01 S Long 55.51.15 W

Tuesday Oct 21st — Commences with light airs from the North & hazy weath at 5 AM Made Sail & Steered to the Wby S. at 5.30 AM this fog. The middle & latter part thick fog at 8 PM took in Sail head to NE the wind light from NW. So Ends

Outward Bound October 1851

Wednesday Oct 22 ond — Commences with Strong wind from W & W & Thick weather the Ship heading S W. under 2 reefed main Topsail. — at 6 P M Clear weather, Veered Ship to N & broke out the after hold for flour & molasses. At 9,30 Made Sail & Steered E & E. The Middle part Moderate. The last part Strong wind from the S & W and Cloudy weather. Saw a foretopsail Schooner bound South. At 6 P M we came to under close reefed main Topsail heading W & W

Lat 46.31.59 S Long 55.15.15 W

Thursday Oct 23 — Commences with Strong wind from the S & W. the Ship heading to the N & W under close reefed Main Topsail. At 6 A M light wind & pleasant weather Made all Sail & Steered E & E. The Middle & latter part Strong wind from the westward, Saw Humpbacks Finbacks & Sulphurbottoms & Cape Horn Porpoises. At Sunset took in Sail. So Ends

3 Months to day I left My dear family

Lat 46.05.00 S Long 52.58.00 W

Friday Oct 24th — This day begins with Strong gales from S S W & Cloudy weather, the Ship heading S E under 2 reefed Main Topsail. At 8,30 A M More moderate Set 2 reefed foretopsail & foresail & Kept off E & E Saw Finbacks. At dark took in Sail So Ends

Lat 45.33.51 S Long 51.22.45 W

Ship Betsey Williams of

Saturday Oct 25th Commences with Strong wind from the westward & Clear weather. At 5 AM Made Sail & Steered E & E. The Middle & latter part quite moderate Caught a Porpoise. At dark Took in Sail & Steered E by N Ends

Lat 45.00.40 S Long 49.23.15 West

Sunday Oct 26th All of these twenty four hours light wind from the westward & pleasant weather Steered E by N & E & E. Saw Finbacks &c Ends

Lat 44.44.00 S Long 47.00.30 W

Monday Oct 27th Commences with light wind from the Westward & clear weather, at 5 AM Made Sail, Steering E & E. At 7 Steered N E. the Middle part brisk wind from SW by W. Saw Finbacks & Sulphur bottom. At 5 PM Steered N - at 7 took in Sail heading N W. &c Ends

Lat 43.53.32 S Long 43.45.15 W

Tuesday Oct 28th The first & Middle part of this day light airs & Calms from the westward & thick fog. The latter part light wind & clear weather, the Ship heading to the North Saw Humpbacks &c Ends

Lat 43.01.53 S Long 43.55.00 W

Stonington Outward Bound October 1851

Wednesday Oct 29th All of this day light wind from the N W & fine weather; the Ship heading N N E Saw Finbacks & Killers. At dark Shortened Sail to Ends

Lat 42.10.56 S Long 43.02.30 West

Thursday Oct 30th Commences with light wind from N W & pleasant weather, the Ship heading N N E. At daylight Made all Sail. At 10 AM Tacked Ship to N, At noon brisk wind took in Topgallantsails & flying jib. At 4 PM 2 reefed the Fore & Mizzen Topsails. At 6 PM Came to under close reefed Main Topsail & foresail heading W by N, Strong Gales from N by W. Saw Sulphur bottoms & Ends

Lat 40.42.40 S Long 42.07.00 West

Friday Oct 31st Commences with Strong Gales from N & Cloudy weather, the Ship heading W N W under close reefed Main Topsail & Foresail. At 12.30 A M heavy Gales, took in the foresail. At 7 A M, wind hauled to the westward & cleared up, Veered Ship to N, a very heavy Sea going. Set Foresail & 2 reefed mizen Topsail & let one reef out of the Main. The Middle & latter part Strong wind from W to W N W. the Ship heading N to N N W Saw Ends

Lat 40.11.04 S Long 41.54.30 W

Ship Betsey Williams of

Saturday Nov the 1 This day begins with Strong gales from the Westward & Squally. The Ship heading NNW under 2 reefed Main & Mizzen Topsails & foresail. At 2 PM took in the Mizzen Topsail & Foresail, at 5 PM close reefed the Main Topsail; at 11.30 the foretopmast Staysail pennant parted & before we could get it down it whipped the rope off the leach but did not injure the sail. Had very Squalls with hale & rain. At 6 PM took in the Main Topsail & the Ship ley more easy

Saturday Nov th 2nd Commences with heay gales from the Westward & Squally. The Ship lying under Main Spencer heading NNW. At 6 AM More Moderate Set Close reefed main Topsail & Unbent the Foretopmast Stay sail to fix At 7.30 Set Foresail & Close reefed Mizzen Topsail At 8 Set 2 Reefed fore Topsail. The Ship heading of the wind WbW. At 11.30 heavy gales & Squally took in fore & mizzen Topsails, fixed the Stay sail & bent it The latter part wind NW & Clear weather the Ship heading NbE. So Ends

Lat 38.16.00 S Long 40.47.15 W

Monday Nov 3 Commences with Strong gales from the westward & Clear weather. The Ship heading to the North under Close reefed Main Topsail & foresail At 10 AM quite Moderate Made

sail. The latter part light airs from WSW, the Ship heading NW. Sent Gramposes. At Sunset Shortened Sail for the Night. So Ends

Lat 37.23.43 S Long 40.12.00 W

Tuesday Nov 4th. Commences with light wind from the Westward & fine weather. At 6 PM made sail heading NbE, at 6.30 tacks to WSW. The Middle & latter part Strong winds and Finbacks. At Sunset took in Sail So Ends Lat 37.22.00 S Long 40.40.15 W

Wednesday Nov 5th. The first part Strong wind from NW & clear weather. The Ship heading WSW under 2 reefed fore & main Topsail & foresail at 1.30 AM the weather came on squally took in fore Topsail & Close reefed the Main. At 8 AM More moderate Made Sail. The Middle & latter part light wind & hazy weather saw a good many Finbacks. at dark Shortened Sail So Ends Lat 38.15.58 S Long 42.07.00 W

Thursday Nov 6th. Commences with light wind from the North The Ship heading to the west. At 2 AM wind hauled to SE & rainy Steered WbN. at 8 AM heavy gales & Squaly, Steered Whyes under close reefed Main Topsail & Foresail. At 1 PM saw 2 Whale called them Sperm took in the foresail & Came to, at 3 veered Ship at 5 veered back heading WbN heavy Gales from S. saw Finbacks So Ends

Lat 38.00.18 S Long 43.47.00 West

35

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Friday Nov 7th — Commences with Strong Gales from S & Squally weather, the Ship heading WSW under Close reefed main Topsail. At 6 AM Veered Ship to E&E & Set the foresail at 8 Set fore & Mizzen Topsails 2 reefed, at 9 Set jib & let 1 reef out Mizzen & Main Topsail at 10 Set Mainsail. At 1 PM Tacked Ship to WSW. Saw a Bark Ship Merchantman Steering to the N & E. at 4 PM Saw 2 Right Whale lowered 3 Boats Mr Penney Struck one killed him & at 6 took him to the Ship put the fluke Chain on & took in Sail. the wind More moderate, a head Sea going by Ends

Lat 37.26.16 S Long 43.31.00 W

L B 55 Bbls

Saturday Nov 8th — Begins with light wind from the South at 4 AM called all hands to get ready for cutting the whale. at 7 hooked on. the Sea was very heavy & I found we Could not cut to windward with Safety more round & took him to leward. At 11.45 finished Cutting, Made Sail & Stood to westward. Cleared up decks & went to boiling. Saw Many Finbacks. the last part light airs from the South & E & a very heavy Sea. at dark Shortened Sail heads SWbyW. by Ends

Lat 37.08.00 S Long 32.23.15 West

5

Sunday Nov 9th All of this day light baffling wind & variable weather. Employed in bailing & working the Ship to the westward to Ends. Saw Finbacks
Latt 36.54.09 S Long 73.16.45 W

Monday Nov 10th Commences with light wind from SW the Ship heading W.N.W. Employed in bailing. at 3 PM finished, at 5 Strong wind from SW & squally. at 8 PM more pleasant Let Single reefed Topsails. The Middle & latter part the same Saw a good many Finbacks. At Sunset Shortened Sail. to Ends
Lat 36.21.18 S Long 74.31.30 W

Tuesday Nov 11th Begins with light wind from SW & fine weather, the Ship heading W.N.W. At 4,30 AM made Sail & went to breaking out the Main hatch to stow Oil. The Middle part calm, finished stowing & cleared up decks. At 6 PM light wind from W the Ship heading W.W. Saw a bark Ship bound north. Saw Finbacks to Ends Lat 35.47.06 S Long 75.05.30 W

Wednesday Nov 12th The first part of this day light baffling wind from the Westward. The Middle & latter part pleasant breezes from S.E to E.S.E Steered W. cleaned the bone caught 6 Porpoises & Saw a number of Finbacks. At dark took in Sail to Ends Lat 36.10.35 S Long 75.55.15 W

37

Ship Betsey Williams of Ston

Thursday Nov 13th. The first part of this day light wind from E & E & pleasant weather, at day light Made Sail & Steered SW by W. at 8 oClock thick rainy weather; at 10 oClock took in Sail. The latter part baffling & squally weather, the wind light from N W the Ship heading W. Caught a Porpoise So Ends

Friday Nov 14th. Commences with brisk breezes from the North, at daylight Made Sail & Steered W & W. The Middle part, had squally weather & the wind hauled to the South, tacked Ship to the westward at dark Strong gales from S & Squally the Ship heading W & W, under close reefed Main Topsail. Saw Finbacks Humpbacks & Porpoises & Grampuses. So Ends Latt 37.23.45 S Long 47.51.30 W

Saturday Nov 15th Begins with Strong gales from S & Squally the Ship heading W & W under close reefed Main Topsail. At 7 AM Veered Ship to S E the wind S S W. Saw a Ship lying too to windward. At 2.30 PM Exchanged Signals With an American Ship Steering N E, & a Spanish bark heading to the westward. At 5.30 PM more moderate Set the Foresail So Ends Lat 37.18.17 S Long 48.36.30 West

ington Outward Bound November 1851

Sunday Nov 16th The first part of this day brisk breezes from the S & W and fine weather the Ship heading to the S & E. The Middle & latter part light airs & Calms from the N & W; the Ship heading to the West. Saw 2 Ships took one of them to be a whaler Cruising on this ground Saw Finbacks. At dark took in Sail. So Ends. Lat 39.59.29 S Long by Lunar 48.20.15. by Chronometer 48.16.30 West

Monday Nov 17th The first part light winds from NW & W the Ship heading SW. at 9 PM Saw 2 Right whale going quick to the Eastward lowered 3 boats for them without Success. The Middle & latter part of the day strong wind So Ends

Lat 39.00.16 S Long 49.05.15 West

Tuesday Nov 18th The first part of this day light winds from SE. The Middle & latter part heavy Gales & Squally; the Ship heading SW under close reefed main Topsail

Lat 39.33.13 S Long 50.28.15 West

Wednesday Nov 19th Begins with strong gales from SE & Squally weather; the Ship lying under close reefed main Topsail heading SW. At 6.30 AM Kept off NW & Set foresail & foretopsail. At 8 onbent the Mizzen Topsail for repairs, at 9 PM bent it. the last part of the day Squally. and nothing Lat 38.42.18 S Long 51.19.30 West

Ship Betsey Williams of Stoning

Thursday Nov 20th — The most of this day brisk breezes from the S & E and squally weather Steered S.W. N.W by W & N. Saw 2 Ships Steering to the S & W. Saw Humps & Finbacks &c Ends

Lat 37.44.13 S Long 52.36.30 W

Friday Nov 21st — Commences with brisk breezes from the S & E and frequent rain Showrs Made Sail heading to the Eastward. At 6.30 Kept off N. At 2 PM Steered N W Saw 2 Ships bound South. Saw Many Fin & Humpbacks. &c Ends

Lat 36.41.44 S Long 52.07.00 W

Saturday Nov 22nd — Commences with light wind from the S & W. At Sunrise Saw a Shoal of Sperm Whale Steward 3 Boats for them Mr Penney Struck one, & he Struck the boat & Stove her some & broke the Steering oar. The Iron came out & the whale went on with the Shoal; Chased them with 3 Boats Mr Thompson Struck one got line foule & had to cut it. The whale came up Struck him & Saved him. Chase the whale with the other boats but could not come up with them. Took the whale to the Ship & Cut him in at 10 AM finished, Made Sail & Steered with the way the whale was going. Cleared away the head & went to boiling, the last part light airs & Calms. Saw a brig &c Ends

Lat 35.15.54 S Long 52.48.15 W

Iron Drawn
2 O B

Sperm
11 ● B
18 Bbls

40

ton, Outward Bound November 1851

Sunday Nov 23d — The first part of these twenty four hours light baffling airs & Calms. The middle part light pleasant breezes from the N & W. the Ship heading W. at 8 P.M Spoke the Brig Ville of St Catherins bound to Montevedio. saw several sail. The latter part Calm At 7 P.M finished boiling.

Lat 35.43.40 S Long 54.12.15 West

Monday Nov 24th — The first part Calm pleasant weather sounded in 25 fathoms water. Caught 2 Scups. saw 2 Brigs. The Middle & latter part light wind from the N & E Steered S, saw one Finback & Ends. saw 3 Turtle Lat 35.25.00 S Long 54.14.15 W

Tuesday Nov 25th — Commen with light wind from the North & hazy weather, at daylight made Sail & Steered S, At 6 A.M saw Sperm whales, at 7 lowered 4 Boats for them, I Struck one, Mr Thompson Came to my assistance & the other Boats went after the Whale Mr Penny Struck & killed one, at 10 got both to the Ship, the weather thick & rainy hooked on & went to cutting at 1 P.M fine weather. At Sunset Stoped cutting, had got both heads off & the bodies in saw a Ship Standing to the Eastward & Ends. No Observation

4 ● B
0 Bbls

6 ● B
40 Bbls

Ship Betsey Willians of Stonington

Wednesday Nov 26th — Commences with light winds from NNE & fine weather. Cut in the whales heads & went to boiling the Ship heading E. Saw a brig standing to the Eastward. At 3 PM tacked Ship to NW, with brisk breezes from NNE & on the increase So Ends

Lat 37.15.40 S Long 54.27.45 W

Thursday Nov 27th — All of this day brisk breezes from NNE to NNW & pasing clouds the Ship heading Et by E. All imployed in boiling Saw one Finback So Ends the Ship under double reefed Topsails.

Lat 37.45.00 S Long 54.10.45 W

Friday Nov 28th — Commences with brisk breezes from NNW & cloudy weather, the Ship heading N E imployed in boiling. At 8 AM tacked to WNW. The latter part of the day Strong wind & squally Saw a brig Steering to the South. So Ends

Lat 37.18.00 S Long 53.32.15 West

Saturday Nov 29th — Begins with brisk wind from the N & thick rainy weather, Imployed in boiling. At 12.30 wind hauled to S & blew a gale. At 2 PM finished boiling. The Middle part Strong Gales & Clear weather. The Ship heading ESE under close reefed Main Topsail. The latter part moderate the Wind from the westward veered Ship to N & W & set foresail Lat 36.56.13 S Long 54.05.15 W

47

Outward Bound November 1851

Sunday Nov 30th Commences with strong Gales from SW the Ship heading WSW under close reefed Main Topsail. At 8 AM Veered Ship to SE; the wind blowing a heavy Gale from SW & Squally with a heavy Sea going. the Ship Made good work of it Considering the heavy deck load She has got on. At 6.30 PM Veered Ship to the westward; the wind more moderate. So Ends November

Latt 36.51.18 S Long 54.04.45 West

Monday December 1 Begins with strong gales from SW & a heavy Sea going, the Ship heading WSW under close reefed Main Topsail. At daylight Made some Sail, the wind more moderate. At 7 AM Veered Ship to SE, & went to Stowing down Oil in the Main hatch. put down 110 Bbls. Sperm. 6 Cask of head marked SOH & 12 of Boldy marked SOO. the marks on the bung Staves. At dark finished Stowing Sent nothing So Ends

Latt 37.00.54 S Long 54.08.00 W

Tuesday Dec 2nd Commences with brisk breezes from the SSW & good weather. At daylight Made Sail & Steered N. At 2.30 PM hauled on the wind to the westward. At 5 tacked to the S & E Sent Killers So Ends

Latt 36.39.07 S Long 53.45.30 W

Ship Betsey Williams of Ston

Wednesday Dec 3d — All of these twenty four hours pleasant breezes from the S & W & fine weather. the Ship heading to the N E. Saw Finbacks So Ends

Lat 37.10.53 S Long 53.28.15 W

Thursday Dec 4th — The first part of these twenty four hours light airs & calms. The Middle & latter part light winds from N E & fine weather Steered W. Saw Finbacks So Ends Long 37.37.13 S Long 54.04.30 W

Friday Dec 5th — Commences with brisk breezes from N E & hazy weather. the Ship heading W N. At daylight Made Sail & Steered W. At 6 AM strong gales from & thick rainy weather: took in Sail & Steered Ship to E. At 10 AM More pleasant Made Sail & Steered to the westward Saw Nothing. at dark took in Sail head N by W Lat 37.16.08 S Long 55.07.15 West

Saturday Dec 6th — The first part Strong winds from the N & W. the Ship heading to the N & E. The Middle part Strong gales from W N W & Squally. The latter part heavy Gales from W N W & thick rainy weather, the Ship heading N W under close reefed Main Topsail. At 6 PM veered Ship to S So Ends

Lat 37.32.00 S

ington Outward Bound December 1851

Sunday
Dec 7th Commences with heavy Gales from SW & thick weather; The Ship heading SE under close Reefed Main Topsail. a very heavy bad Sea going. The Middle part more pleasant; at 1 PM veered Ship to N by E. the latter part the same to Ends

Lat 37°-26'-37 S Long 54°-25'-00 W

Monday
Dec 8th Begins with strong Gales from SW. the Middle & latter part light winds & pleasant weather. Steered NE & E & E by E and Finbacks. Painted - a boat over head & Ends

Lat 36°-47'-14 S Long 53°-36'-15 West

Tuesday
Dec 9th All of these twenty four hours light airs and Calms from the westward & fine weather. Steered E & E and Finbacks to Ends

Lat 36°-31'-21 S Long 52-59'-30 West

Wednesday
Dec 10th Commences with light airs & Calms from the North. at 4 AM fine breezes from the westward made all sail & Steered E & E. at 7,30 Steered NE and Finbacks. at 11 AM saw 4 large Sperm whale going quick to WSW leward & Chased them could not get hold. they turned to windward & soon went out of Light; boats came onboard & we stood to the NE by the wind. at 6 PM tacked to NW by W. saw nothing of the whale. and a Bark steering to the westward to Ends

Sperm X

43

Lat 36°-17'-57 S Long 51°-53'-30 W

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Thursday Dec 11th — Begins with light wind from the North & fine weather, made all Sail heading E by E. At 9 AM Kept off S E At 8 PM Steered SW — saw Finbacks & Porpuss's So Ends

Lat 36-30-13 S Long 50-09-00 West

Friday Dec 12th — This day begins with light winds fro. N E. & fine weather; made Sail & Steer'd SW. The middle & latter part pleasant breezes. Caught a Sun fish So Ends.

Lat 37-02-01 S Long 50-45-45 West

Saturday Dec 13th — The first part light, & the latter part brisk breezes from N E by E. and fine weather. Steered Sawwest, saw Finbacks & caught a porpoise, The Cat had a fit & died So Ends

Lat 37-30-20 S Long 51-38-30 West

Sunday Dec 14th — All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from the N & E and some fog. Steered SW saw Finbacks, Porpoises, & a turtle So Ends

Lat 38-11-13 S Long 53-24-15 W

Monday Dec 15th — Commences with strong wind from the North & thick weather. At 9 AM fog let up. Made 2 reefed Topsails & Steered W. At 11.30 thick & rainy took in Sail, the Ship heading WSW. The last part wind hauled to W the Ship heading WSW. So Ends

Outward Bound December 1851

Tuesday Dec the 16 Commences with Strong Gales from the South & thick weather the Ship heading to the S & E under close reefed main Topsail. At 6 PM More moderate but quite thick. I made up my mind to Start for Cape Horn: Called all hands Made Sail heading to the S & W the Middle & latter part light baffling airs & Calms with fine pleasant weather Saw Killers, & Caught a Sunfish So Ends Lat 40°-07'-35" S Long 54°-04'-15" W

Wednesday Dec 17th The first part light wind from N by E & fine clear weather. Steered S by W. The middle part Cloudy with some fog. The latter part Clear at 4 PM Steered South Saw Finbacks & Caught a Porpus So Ends

Lat 41°-52'-04" S Long 55°-14'-00" West

Thursday Dec 18th Begins with brisk breezes from N. Steered S The Middle part foggy. I put Wm Blake & Wm Davis in the rigging & gave them a flogging, for fighting last Evening. They Promised to do better for time to come At 1 PM Spoke the Ship Brannin of New Bedford Captain Philips 3 Months & 10 days out had taken nothing. Shortened Sail for the Night & Steered South So Ends

Friday Dec 19th The Most of these twenty four hours Strong wind from the North & West & thick rainy weather, the Ship heading W under close reefed Main Topsail at 2 PM

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Saw a whale Ship Steering SW. at 6 PM wind hauled to WSW & Clear'd up. Set the foresail, the Ship heading South So Ends

Saturday
Dec 20th The first part brisk wind from W & pleasant clouds; the Ship heading SSW. The Middle & latter part heavy gales & squally. The Ship lying under close reefed Main Topsail, heading SSW. Saw nothing So Ends

Lat 45.38.53 S Long 55.05.00 West

Sunday
Dec 21 st Begins with heavy gales from WSW & squally weather; the Ship heading S under close reefed Main Topsail & Main Spencer. At 6 PM More moderate Set reefed foresail, at 8 Veered Ship to WbS The Middle & latter part, wind & weather the same So Ends

Lat 45.37.19 S Long 55.40.00 West

Monday
Dec 22nd Commences with Strong gales from WSW & squaly, the Ship heading NW under close reefed Main Topsail, Main Spencer & reefed foresail. At 6 PM More pleasant Made Sail & Stood to the S & W by the wind. The Middle part Strong breezes from NW. at 1 PM Kept off S. The latter part Cloudy weather, at dark took in Sail for the night So Ends Lat 45.07.24 S Long 56.00.00 W

Outward Bound December 1851—

Tuesday Dec 23d Commences with strong gales from NW & thick weather. The Ship heading W under close reefed Main Topsail. At 8 PM more moderate, Made Sail & Steered SW by S. The Middle part more pleasant Set Topgallant Sails over Single reefed Topsails. The last part, wind hauled to W by S & Cleared off the Ship heading S by W. Saw a Ship to windward heading the same So Ends

Wednesday Dec 24th The first & middle part brisk breezes from W to NW, & fine weather the Ship heading SW to SW. Sent a new main Topsail. The last part strong winds from NW & Cloudy weather Steered SW. Saw porpuises. So Ends

Lat 39.58.00 S Long 59.23.45 West

Thursday Dec 25th Commences with brisk winds from NW & Cloudy weather. Steered SW. The middle part strong gales from W by S & Clear weather the Ship heading S by W under double reefed Topsails. Saw a Ship heading to the South. The last part moderate winds from the North Steered SW by S. Saw Finbacks So Ends Lat 39.32.53 S Long 62.06.30 W

Friday Dec 26th The first part brisk winds from the North & some rain. Steered SW by S. At 6 PM heavy gales from NW hove the Ship to under close reefed Main Topsail, at 8 veered Ship to W by S At 4 PM more moderate Set reefed foresail &

Close reefed fore & mizen Topsails. at 6 PM
veered Ship to SSE & made more sail. at
8 light wind made all sail. Saw 2 Ships
& Many Finbacks to day. So Ends
Lat 50.27.00 S Long 63.34.30 West

Saturday
Dec 27th

All of these twenty four hours pleasant breezes
from the North & West, & fine weather,
Steered S & by W. Saw one Ship bound
South. Saw Finbacks So Ends
Lat 51.46.57 S Long 64.37.15 West

May Son if living is 9 years old to day

Sunday
Dec 28th

Commences with brisk breezes from
the North Steered S by E. The Middle
part light baffling airs & calms. The
latter part baffling airs & squally. exchd
Signals with a French whaler. Saw
2 more Ships. had heavy Thunder & Shp
lightning & some rain So Ends
Lat 53.07.09 S Long 64.52.45 W

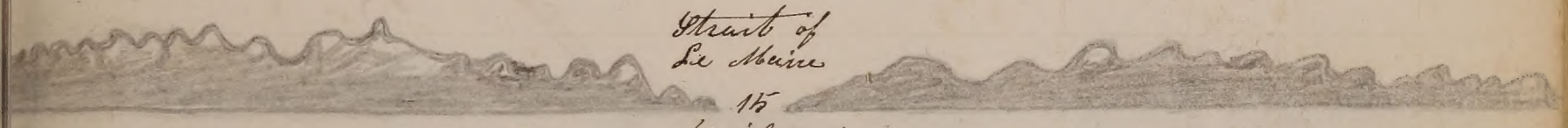
Monday
Dec 29th

The first part of this day light wind
from the westward, the Ship heading
S by E. At 7 AM Made States land
bearing SE 50 miles. Saw a number
of Ships, at 2 PM light baffling airs
& Calms. At 4 P went onboard of the
Europa of New Bedford Captain Weeks
2½ months out 30 Bbls Sperm. Captain
Nichols was onboard from the 2 vessels of
N.B had taken nothing since 3 last June at the Pa
the last part Baffling & some rain 6 to 8 Ships in

50

sight. the Center of Lemar Straits bearing N.E, 20
Miles So Ends Lat^d 54.12.16 S Long 64.00.00 W

Tuesday
Dec 30th The first part light baffling airs & Calms.
The middle part light wind from the
South, worked the Ship in towards
the Strait of Lemaire. The last part baffling
airs & rainy, the Ship Close in with
Cape San Diego. Sand 11 Ships. So Ends
Lat 54.25.24 S Long 65.40.00 West



Staten Island, as seen from the deck of the Ship Betsey Williams. Middle Cape bearing Ely S 30 Miles
Lat 54.47 S. Long 64.42 West

December 30th 1851

The East end of Tierra Del Fuego as seen from from the deck of the Ship Betsey Williams. Cape San Diego bearing SE 15 Miles
Lat 54.42 S. Long 65.03 West

Wednesday
Dec 31st Commences with Strong wind from the South & Squally rainy weather. The Ship lying under the lea of Cape San Diego.
At 4 AM Stood into the Straits in Company with 7 other Ships, to try and work through. At 5 PM Split the Jib bent a new one. at 8 got through to the South entrance and a large Ship out there. The last part had the wind quite baffling from the South. So Ends this day and the year 1851. I pray God to help me to set out with the new year to serve him better than I ever have done

51

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington From Cape

Thursday January 1st 1852

Commences with light airs & Calms from the South, the Ship lying at the South entrence of Le Maire Straits. At 4 AM light wind from the N & W Steered S. at 6 Steered S by W at 8 Let Topmast Studingsail & Steered S W. saw 9 Ship. The Middle part brisk wind from N. The latter part Light wind from N N E. at 8 PM saw New Island bar N W 25 Miles off, So Ends

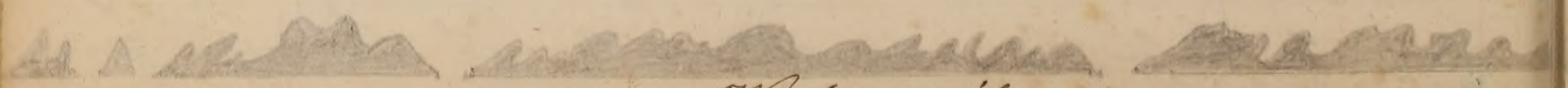
Lat 55.28.34 S Long 65.30.00 West

Friday Jan 2nd

Commences with light winds from the W & E & hazy weather. Steered W N W. at 8 AM passed Cape Horn & Steered N W for the Diegoes

Lat 56.18 S Long 67.21 W
Cape Horn W N W 25 Miles
Lat 55.52 S Long 67.06 W
Herschal Is W N W 35 miles
Lat 55.55 S Long 66.13 West
Cape Deceit W by N 20 miles

At 11 AM Strong wind from the Eastward at 1 PM took in light Sails. at 3 passed close by the Diego Ramirez. and Kept off W N W. The last part Strong wind & the weather more pleasant saw one Ship. So Ends Lat 56.25.30 S Long 69.00.00 West



West 8 miles
Diego Ramarez Islands Lat 56.27 S Long 68.40 West

Saturday Jan 3d Commences with brisk wind from the NE & cloudy weather. Steered WSW. At 4 PM wind hauled to WSW. at 8 PM West the Ship heading N at 10 tacked to S W at Noon Squally took in Topgallant Sails The latter part baffling wind from West to WSW. the Ship heading S to SW. Saw 2 Ships & a Brig working North & West. Saw Finbacks. at 10 PM (when we tacked) the Land was in sight. So Ends

Lat 55.02.57 S Long 71.31.00 West

Sunday Jan 4th The first part light wind from W to WSW. The Ship heading SSW to SW. The Middle part Calm with a heavy sea from SW. 2 Brigs & one Ship in sight. The latter part light wind from SSW & pleasant weather. Steered W. Saw Finbacks So Ends Lat 56.40.57 S Long 72.48.30 W

Monday Jan 5th Commences with light wind from SSW & fine weather, the Ship heading West. The Middle part the wind WSW the Ship heading W in Company with a French Whaler & 2 Merchant Brigs. Filled up the empty water cask in the boat hoisted & put one of the Chains forward to trim Ship. The latter part brisk breezes from W to WSW, the Ship heading SW to W. Saw Finbacks & Caught 4 Porpoises. At 8 PM tacked Ship to SW. So Ends

Lat 55.53.29 S Long 74.35.45 West

53

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Tuesday Jan 6th Commences with brisk winds from W to WSW & cloudy squally weather. the Ship SW to SSW. at 2 PM 2 reefed the Topsails. at 6 took in Jib & mainsail & close reefed the mizen Topsail. a French whaler in Company. At 10 close reefed the fore & & main Topsails & reefed the foresail the Ship heading S to SSW. a heavy sea going The latter part, the wind & weather much the same to Ends

Lat 55.55.38 S Long 74.54.15 West

Wednesday Jan 7th Commences with heavy Gales from WSW to SW & squally the Ship heading S to SSE under close reefed Topsails & reefed foresail. a very heavy sea going. At 1 AM veered Ship to W by S in Company with a French whaler. 2 other Ships in sight. at 1 PM more moderate made more sail. the wind continued to decrease, made sail accordingly. at 7 PM had all sail set the wind light from W to WSW the Ship heading NNW to N to Ends

Lat 56.30.15 S Long 74.45.30 West

Thursday Jan 8th Begins with brisk wind from the westward & cloudy weather. the Ship heading to the North. at midnight tacked to NW. the Middle part strong gales & thick weather 2 reefed the Topsails the latter part, wind SW to WSW the Ship heading NW to WNW. the above named Ship in sight to Ends

Friday Jan 9th — Commences with strong winds from SW by W & pasping clouds the Ship heading NW by W under reefed Topsails Jib & Cross. at 8 AM more pleasant let out reefs & set Topgallantsails. The middle & latter part strong wind & squally. double reefed the Topsails & took in Jib & Main Sail, the ship heading NW by W. Saw a merchant Ship bound Eastward. & the French Whaler in Company with us. So Ends

Lat 54.29.22 S Long 77.38.30 W

Saturday Jan 10th — The first part of these twenty-four hours had strong Gales from W by S & squally weather. the Ship heading NW by W under double reefed Topsails & Foresail. The Middle part, wind W by N the Ship heading N by W. The latter part more moderate. Made Sail accordingly. So Ends

Lat 52.56.38 S Long 77.00.00 West

Sunday Jan 11th — The first part brisk wind from WSW & Cloudy weather. the Ship heading NW. The middle part strong breezes from SSE & Clear weather, steered WNW. The Latter part, wind & weather the Same, steered NW So Ends

Lat 51.34.38 S Long 78.14.30 West

Monday Jan 12th — The first & middle part pleasant breezes from SSE to S & good weather steered NW & NNW. The latter part fine breezes from SSW & cloudy steered N by E. Caught 3 Porpoises So Ends. Lat 48.41.05 S Long 79.39.15 West

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from Cap

Tuesday Jan 13th The first & middle part of this day light wind from S by W to S W & Cloudy weather. Steered N by E & N N E. The latter part brisk wind & clear weather. So Ends

Lat 46.26.23 South Long 77.27.15 West

Wednesday Jan 14th Commences with brisk wind from S by W & Cloudy weather. Steered N N E & N by E at 6 P M passed Jacob Island, at 10 P M raised Nuafo, or no mans Island: the Centre bearing N by E. Steered N by W & passed to the westward of it. Saw 3 Ships under easy Sail heading in for the land, took them to be whalers Cruising. At 6 P M took in Topmast Studingsail & Stowed it away, So Ends

Lat 43.56.00 South Long 75.13.00 West

Nuafo, or Nomans Island. Lat of Centre part 43.28.00 South. Long 74.40.00 West

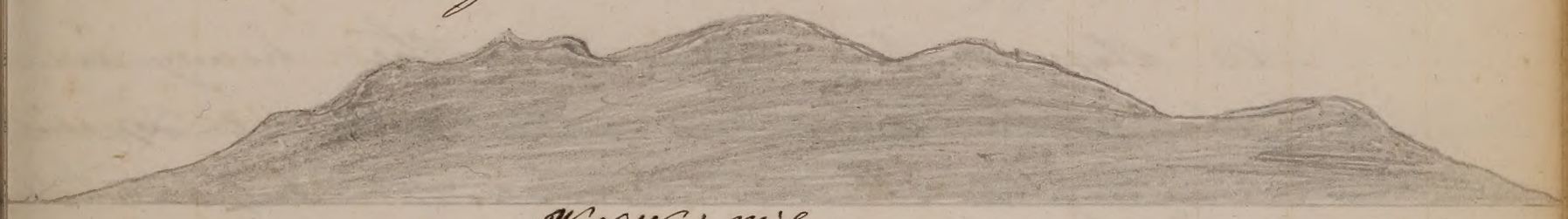
Thursday Jan 15th The first part brisk breezes from S by E & Cloudy weather. Steered N by W along the land. The Middle part clear weather. The latter part Strong gales: at 6.30 P M 2 reefed the Topsails. Saw a Sunnyback So Ends. Mr Thompson sick & off duty

Lat 40.59.16 South Long 74.24.45 West

Friday Jan 16th Commences with Strong gales from S by W & clear weather. Steered N by W at 5.30 P M Made the Island of Mocha

Noon to the Sandwich Islands January 1852

Bearing N by W. at 10 AM Stood Close in To the N E side. & went on Shore & bought 20 Bbls of Potatoes. at 1,50 per Bbl at 2,30 Came off with them. brought off the head man of the Island. to look at the articles. & had for sale. We stoped all night & we Stood off & on through the night So Ends



W N W 4 miles

Le Mooha Island in Lat 38.20.00 South Long 74.01.00 West

Saturday Jan 17th Commences with Strong winds from the South & hazy weather. the Ship Standing off & on the land, at 8 AM landed on the Island & got 532 Lbs of fresh beef & Killed 46 Piggons. Settled up for the Beef & potatoes & paied in Trade 40 dollars & 11 in Cash. at 1.30 PM Came off & Stood to the W N W. 2 Ships Came in one of them Boding. at 5.30 Spoke the Rodman of New Bedford 3 Months out name of Captain not under Stood. Saw a merchant Ship Standing to the South & East So Ends

Sunday Jan 18th All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from the South & good weather. Steered W N W & N W by W. Saw a Sulphur bottom So Ends

Lat 36.20.35 South Long 77.06.30 West

55

Ship Betsey Williams, of Stonington from Cape

Monday Jan 19th — Commences with Pleasant breezes from S & Cloudy weather. Steered NW by W. At 6 AM Made Juan Fernandez bearing NW 30 Miles. At 2 PM Stood close in to the landing Saw a Spanish Merchant Bark lying to anchor. & Sent 2 Boats in to try for fish, at 7 they came back. did not do much. & concluded to stop & try tomorrow. the heavy in plaines the ship under 2 reefed Topsails heading to the Eastward. Saw Sulphur bottom So Ends with fine Clear weather

Goat Island — Lat of Centre part 33.40 S. Long 78.50 West. Juan Fernandez Bearing NW by W 10 Miles

Tuesday Jan 20th — Begins with Strong winds & Squally weather from SSW E. At 7.30 AM Stood close in to the land & found the Squalls Come off so heavy that we could doo nothing in fishing &c & Kept off NW W & left the Island. Saw 2 Ships off the west end Standing in. The middle part more pleasant. The latter part Strong winds & Cloudy &c Ends

Lat 33.09.27 South Long 78.59.15 West

Wednesday Jan 21st. — Commences with light winds from SSE & thick hazy weather. Steered NW W The middle part more pleasant. The latter part wet & thick weather &c Ends

Lat 30.45.16 S Long 79.24.00 West

Thursday Jan 22nd The first part light wind from SE & thick misty weather Steered NbW. The middle part light airs from the North the Ship heading NbyW. the weather more pleasant The last part light winds from the N & East & cloudy the Ship heading to the N & West Saw Nothing to Ends

Lat 29.17.54 S Long 79.40.00 West

Friday Jan 23d All of these twentyfour-hours light baffling wind from the N & E & cloudy weather the Ship heading to the N & W. Saw a merchant Ship steering to the South to Ends — No Observation

Saturday Jan 24th The first & middle part of this day light wind from N to NNE & pasing Clouds. the Ship heading NW to WbW. the latter part light wind from N to NbW, the Ship heading WbW to W Saw nothing to Ends

Lat 27.16.53 South Long 81.26.45 West

Sunday Jan 25th The first & middle part of these twentyfour hours light wind from N to NbW & fine weather the Ship heading WbW to W. the latter part light airs & calms. Tacked Ship to the N & E Saw nothing to Ends

Lat 26.38.21 South Long 82.34.30 West

Monday Jan 26th The first part Calm. The middle part light airs from the North, the Ship heading to the westward, the weather clear & pleasant. The watches employed

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from Cape

mending Sails. The latter part calm. So Ends

Lat 26.26.14 South Long 83.19.45 West

Tuesday
Jan 29th

The first & Middle part Calm. All imployed in Scrapeing & Cleaning the Ship outside
The last part light winds from SE & fine weather. Steered NNW. So Ends

Lat 26.10.06 South Long 83.22.15 West

Wednesday
Jan 28th

All of these twenty-four-hours pleasant breezes from the Eastward & fine weather Steered NNW. Imployed in mending Sails. and nothing to Ends

Lat 24.14.30 South Long 83.36.00 West

Thursday
Jan 29th

All of this day light wind from the NE to E & Clear weather. Steered NNW. all imployed in Ships duty and Nothing to Ends

Lat 22.39.48 South Long 84.06.00 West

Long by Lunar 83.08.00 We

Friday
Jan 30

The most of these twentyfour-hours light wind from ENE to SE & pleasant weather
Steered NNW. all imployed in Ships duty. and Nothing to Ends

Long 84.31.15 West Lat 21.06.18 South

Saturday
Jan 31th

All of these twentyfour-hours brisk breezes from ESE to SE & passing clouds.
Steered NNW. all imployed in Ships duty and Nothing to Ends

Lat 18.29.48 S Long 84.02.45 W

59

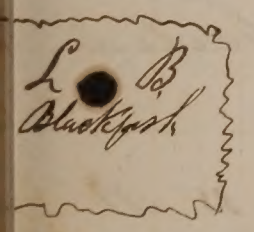
Sunday Feb the 1 — All of this day brisk trades from the S E & pasing clouds. Steered N.W.W. Saw nothing So Ends Lat 15.55.55 S Long 85.19.15 W

Monday Feb 2nd — The first part strong breezes from S E by E & Cloudy weather. Steered N.W.W. The Middle part light wind, bent an old Main Topsail. At 2.30 P.M Spoke the Statira of New bedford, Captain Coon 38 months out 1600 Sperm, had taken 150 the last 10 days. I went onboard & took tea with him & Lady. at 8 P.M Came back & Kept off N.W.W So Ends

Statira N B

Lat 12.01.41 S Long 86.30.30 W

Tuesday Feb 3d — This day begins with pleasant breezes from S E by S & pasing Clouds. At 7.30 A.M saw Blackfish. lowerd 2 Boats, Mr Penney struck one & took him to the Ship hoisted him in & Kept off on our Course N.W.W. Middle part wind the Same Bailed out the Blackfish. The latter part saw a whales Carcass & a great Many small, Blackfish. bent Jib & fore Topgallantsail So Ends


L B Blackfish

Lat 11.27.28 S Long 87.11.45 West

Wednesday Feb 4th — The first part light wind from S E by S & & pasing clouds. Steered N.W.W. Saw one Finback & 1 Sulphurbottom. The Middle & latter part Steered N.W.W & N by W Saw Blackfish So Ends Lat 9.11.23 S Long 88.10.15 W

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Thursday Feb 5th Commences with light wind from the S & East & cloudy weather. Steered W by N, at 5 AM thick rainy weather, at 8 light airs & Calms. The watch imp[loyed] in washing paint, at 9 saw Blackfish leward 3 Boats. Mr Penney got 1 and Mr Collins got 2. took them to the Ship hoisted them in. At Noon light wind & thick wet weather. at 2 PM leward for Blackfish without Success saw a good many during the latter part of the day, going quick to the S & E. So Ends

L B
Blackfish
B B

Friday Feb 6th Begins with light wind from ESE & pleasant weather, steered W by N. At 7.30 AM leward 4 Boats for Blackfish struck 3 saved one struck one, & drowned from one. The middle & latter part wind & weather. the same boiled out the blubber. So Ends

S B
L B struck
W B drowned

Lat 8.. 02.. 04 S Long 90.. 50.. 15 W

Saturday Feb 7th All of these twenty four hours fine breezes from the S & E, & pasing clouds. all imployed in ships duty. saw nothing. So Ends

Lat 7.. 10.. 19 S Long 93.. 06.. 45 W

Sunday Feb 8th All of these twenty four hours fine breezes from ESE & pleasant weather. Steered W. saw nothing So Ends

Lat 6.. 31.. 45 South Long 96.. 11.. 30 W

69

Cape Horn to the Sandwich Islands Feb 1852

Monday Feb 9th — All of these twenty four hours pleasant breezes from the SE & ESE - and fine weather Steered W. all imployed in Ships duty fetting & Saving Rigging. So Ends
Lat 6-12-08 South Long 98-39-45 West

Tuesday Feb 10th — The most of these twenty four hours, light wind from E to ESE. Steered to the westward. The watches imployed in fetting & Saving Rigging and Nothing. So Ends
Lat 6-03-51 South Long 101-06-15 West

Wednesday Feb 11th — All of these twenty four hours light wind from the Eastward & fine pleasant weather. ~~Steered~~ Steered W by S. All imployed in Ships duty - finshed taring &c. Saw one Sulphur bottom & one grampus So Ends
Lat 6-38-04 South Long 103-01-00 West

Thursday Feb 12th — The first part light wind from the Eastward & pleasant weather. Steered W by S. At 8 AM saw Sperm whale Leward & Boats in Chase. they Started quick to the Leward & the wind died away so much that the boats could not Sail as fast as the whale went. they used the oars with the same success

A Small Calf got behind the rest of the whale. 3 Struck him in hopes he would run into the mitts of them. but 3 failed in my hopes. took him to the Ship & hoisted him in. the rest of the day light baffling airs & Calms So Ends Lat 5-13-20 S Long 104-15-30 West

S B
Sperm
2 Bbls

21

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington, from

Friday Feb 13th — The first & middle part of this day light baffling airs & calms from the Eastward and fine pleasant weather. The latter part light wind from SSW. Steered W. boiled out the blubber it made 2 Bbls. So Ends

Lat 4.-44.-00 South Long by Lunar 104.-52.-30 West
By Chronometer 105.-04.-30 West

Saturday Feb 14th — Commences with light wind from SSW & fine weather. Steered W.

The middle & latter part light wind from the S & E. Saw Sulphur bottoms So Ends. Lat 4.-24.-00 S Long by Chron 107.-26.-
By Lunar 107.-29.-15 West

Sunday Feb 15th — All of these twenty four hours light wind from SE & fine weather. Steered W by S Saw no whales. So Ends

Lat 4.-13.-24 South Long 109.-58.-00 West

My Daughter if living is Seven years old

Monday Feb 16th — All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from the SE & fine weath Steered W & W by S. all imployed in Painting Ship. Saw nothing So End

Lat 4.-10.-24 South Long 113.-08.-00 W

Tuesday Feb 17th — All of this day brisk breezes from ESE & pleasant weather. Steered W by S. imployed in Painting. Saw nothing So Ends

Lat 4.-14.-16 South Long 115.-49.-00 W

Wednesday Feb 18th — The first & middle of these twenty four hours light winds from the Eastward & good weather Steered W by S. Employed in Painting &c. The latter part brisk winds from the Eastward & Cloudy weather Saw Nothing. So Ends

Lat 4. 27. 00 South

Thursday Feb 19th — The first & Middle part of this day brisk winds from E & good weather. Steered W. At 10 AM Spoke the Eagle of New Bedford 32 months out Captain Potter 1150 Bbls Sperm Oil. The latter part Cloudy weather. Saw nothing So Ends

Eagle No 13

Lat 4. 14. 53 S Long 120. 14. 00. West

Friday Feb 20th — All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from E to ESE & good weather. Steered W. all employed in Ships duty, Painting Blacksmithing &c. Saw nothing So Ends

Lat 4. 07. 15 South Long 122. 27. 45 West

Saturday Feb 21st — All of this day pleasant breezes from the Eastward & good weather. Steered W by S. all employed in Ships duty Painting &c. Saw nothing. So Ends

Lat 3. 29. 24 S Long 125. 38. 30 West

Sunday Feb 22nd — All of these twenty four hours fine breezes from the Eastward & pleasant weather. Steered W by S Saw a Finback & Jumper. So Ends

Lat 2. 48. 32 S Long 128. 14. 30 West

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Monday Feb 23d All of these twenty four hours fine breezes from E to ESE & pleasant weather Steered W & W. Employed in painting & Saw Finbacks & Porpoises to Ends

Sat 1:48:22 South Long 131:05:45 West

Tuesday Feb 24th The first part of this day light winds from ESE & Cloudy with some rain showers. The Middle part pleasant. Steered NW employed in setting a mud boat.

The latter part, wind & weather the same as middle. Caught a Porpoise to Ends

Lat 00:42:00 S Long 133:24:30 W.

Wednesday Feb 25th The first & middle part of these twenty four hours light winds from the Eastward & fine weather. Steered NW. all employed in painting.

The latter part brisk breeze from E. Saw Nothing to Ends

Sat 00:34:15 North Long 135:31:15 West

Thursday Feb 26th Commences with light winds from the Eastward & showery steered NW The Middle & latter part brisk breezes & pleasant weather. we took in the larboard Anchor which had a wood Shank and put out one with an Iron Stalk. Saw Nothing to Ends

Lat 3:12:45 N Long by Chronometer 137:47:

By Lunar 137:55:45 West

Cape Horn to the Sandwich Islands February 1852

Friday Feb 27th — All of these twenty four-hours pleasant breezes from the Eastward & fine Clear weather, Steered NW½W. Employed in Painting &c. Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 15.13.16 N Long by C 139.30.15 by L 139.39.15 W

Saturday Feb 28th — The first of this day light wind from ESE. Steered NW½W. at 4 PM rainy. The Middle part brisk breezes from E&E, & more pleasant, employed in washing the ship inside. The latter part clear weather Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 9.21.00 N Long 140.57.45 W

Sunday Feb 29th — Begins with strong wind from NE & squally with rain. The Middle & latter part More pleasant. Saw Nothing. So Ends

Lat 9.54.41 North Long 142.37.15 West

Monday March 1. 1852 — The first & middle part of these twenty-four-hours strong wind from E&E & passing clouds. Steered NW½W. The latter part fine breezes from E & Clear weather, finish Painting Spars &c. Painted Boats overhead. Saw Nothing. So Ends

Lat 12.47.33 N Long 144.34.45 West

Tuesday March 2nd — The first part light wind from E & Cloudy Steered NW. The Middle part more pleasant the blacksmith employed in Making boat pins &c The latter part cloudy, the Disco light & baffling So Ends: Lat 15.18.00 N Long 146.49.15 West

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from Cape

Wednesday March the 3d — The first half of this day light wind from NNE to ESE & cloudy weather steered NW by The latter half light wind from ESE to SSE & clear weather. Saw Nothing. So Ends
Lat 16.51.00 N Long 148.38.45 West

Thursday March 4th — All of these twenty four hours light wind from SE to SSW & clear weather steered WNW Saw Nothing. So Ends
Lat 17.38.14 N Long 149.47.00 West

Friday March 5th — The first part of this day had light wind from the South & clear weather. steered WNW The middle part, light baffling wind from the westward. the Ship heading to the Nor. at 4 PM tacked to W. the wind NNW at 5 PM brisk breezes from N. steered WSW. Saw Nothing. So Ends
Lat 18.37.22 N Long 151.15.00 W

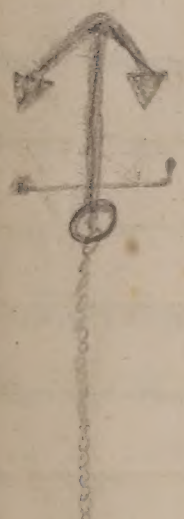
Saturday March 6th — Commences with light wind from the N & E & good weather. Steered WSW at 4 PM past an American Whaler showing a red swallow tailed Signal with 2 blue diamonds & a white letter H in it. The Middle & latter part wind & weather the Same. Saw a humpback. So Ends
Lat 19.42.38 N Long 153.10.30 West

Norw towards the Sandwich Islands March 1852

Sunday March 7th — This day begins with light winds from the N & E & hazy weather, Steered W & W. The middle part steered W by S. The latter part Steered W & W p S. at 6 P M saw the East end of Mowee bearing W 15 Miles. So Ends

Lat 20.47.00 N Long 155.20.30 W

Monday March 8th — commences with light winds from the East & hazy weather. Steered W & W by S along the land. at 5 P M came to anchor in Lahaina in 20 fathoms Water. found 12 Ships in the harbor. the Cabonit of Stonington, one of them. had taken nothing & no Ship in port that left the Season we did had taken as much Oil as we had. So Ends



Tuesday March 9th — All of these twenty-four-hours baffling wind from the Eastward & thick weather with some rain. All imployed in Coopering Bread to land & Setting up Shooks for water. I got a letter from My Dear Wife dated the last of August saying that her health was about the same as when I left, & the Children were very well & Ships went out So Ends

Wednesday Mch 10th — The first part thick rainy weather the Middle part more pleasant, all imployed in tukeing Bread, Shooks & heads a Shore The latter part some rain landed 14 Cask of Bread & about 600 Bdls of Shooks & the heads on them

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Thursday March 11th — All of these twenty four hours hark breezes from the N E & fine weather all imployed in getting Beef Pork Flour & Molasses - onshore - landed 70 Bbls Beef 3 Pork 10 Cask Flour & ½ of Molasses & 2 Bbl of Vinegar. The Mail Came in & I got a letter from My dear Wife Sayi She & the Children were as well as when I left home. I feel to thank god for

Friday Mch 12th — All of this day hark breezes fm the N E & Clear weather. One watch on liberty. the rest imployed in Various duties. the Coopper pitching water Cask. Mr Boles Came onboard & I sold him about 350 dollars worth Trade of Various Kinds. at dark the men all onboard. 1 Ship Came in to Ends

Saturday Mch 13th — All of these twenty four hours Strong trades from the N & E & fine weather. One watch on liberty the other imploy in Painting &c. took a raft of Cask onshore to be filled with fresh water. at dark all the Men Came onboard to Ends the Union went out

Sunday March 14th — The first & middle part Strong wind fm the North & Clear weather. The last part Calm. The Govr Transp of N B Came in & a french Ship

at the Sandwich Islands March 1852

Monday
March 15th All of this day fine pleasant weather one watch on liberty the other imployed in Painting &c landed 100 Bundles of Iron Hoops got 15 Bbls of Irish Potatoes so Ends

Tuesday
March 16th All of these twenty four hours fine pleasant weather got off a raft of water & filled up the emty cask in the lower hold & Coopered the Bread & flour that we landed. at dark the men all came off. The Catharine of New London came in had taken 150 Bbls Californian Oil between Seasons. 2 Ships went out so Ends

Wednesday
March 17th All of this day fine pleasant weather. one watch on liberty the other imployed in stowing water &c got off 33 Bbls of Irish Potatoes. The Euphrates of New Bedford came in. at dark the men all came off but Daniel Smith Robert Spence & Wm Blake

Thursday
Mch 18th The first & middle part of this day light winds & pleasant weather one watch on liberty the other imployed in stowing away things onboard & getting ready for sea. at 6 PM Squaly with rain & brisk winds from the S & West. the watch all came onboard & took the 3 men out of the fort that stoped last night. the natives found them out of town & brought them in about 10 O clock in the Evening it cost me 39 dollars

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from the

Friday March 19th — All of these twenty-four hours baffling winds & showery weather. I employed myself in settling up my bills & getting ready for sea. 2 Ships Came in to Ends

Saturday March 20th — Begins with baffling winds & showery weather, at 6 AM sent a boat to one of the Potatoes boats & got 7 Bs. The middle part Squaly at 8 PM took over anchor & stood into the Passage. 6 Ships Came in, the Eugene of Stonington one of them, Captain Pendleton Came onboard & took tea he did not anchor. he landed & got his letters, from, home. We got his recruits at New Zealand.

Sunday March the 21 — Commences with Strong winds from the S & W & thick Squaly weather, the Ship stand off & on in the ~~Passage~~, a daylight Kept off for the Narrow passage in Company with the Eugene of Stonington, at 8 AM brisk wind & Clear weather. Captain pendleton Came on board to spend the day. The Middle part Strong gales & reped the Topsails. at 3 PM went through between Moraki & Waahou. had heavy rain Squals, at 4.30 PM Captain P went onboard & we Kept off N the ESE. Had a Consultation with my Officers & we all thought it would be best to run Kadiack at 6.30 Strong wind from NW, Ship head NE

20

Sandwic Islands towards. the North West coach

Monday March 22nd

The first part of these twenty four hours baffling winds & squally. The Ship heading to the N & E, at 5 AM tacked Ship to the West. The Middle part brisk wind from N & more pleasant the Ship heading to WNW. Saw 2 Sail Standing to the westward. The latter part brisk wind from NE by N. & cloudy the Ship heading N W by N. So Ends

Lat 21° 51° 04 N Long 157° 35° 30 West

Tuesday March 23d

Commences with brisk wind from NE & pasing clouds, the Ship heading N N W. The Middle & latter part brisk breezes from E N E to E Steered N, all imployed in fitting new straps for the cutting blocks and nothing to Ends

Lat 23° 48° 41 N Long 157° 57° 00 West

Wednesday March 24th

The first part light wind from the Eastward & Cloudy weather. put out a new boat on the Starboard Crains. The Middle part pleasant, the watch imployed in Stowing some cask in the lower hold to give room between decks. The last part light wind from the South & East and thick rainy weather. Saw blackfish going very quick. So Ends Lat 26° 09° 00 North

Thursday March 25th

Commences with light wind from the South & thick rainy weather. Steered N. The Middle part brisk breezes from the westward & clear

71

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from the Sam

weather, employed in fitting cutting gier
The latter part light wind & passing Clou
Painted the Bow Boat,. Steered N by W
So Ends Lat 29.43.42 N Long 156.36.00 W

Friday
March 26th Commences with brisk breezes from N.
Westward & some rain Squalls. At 10 AM.
Strong wind reefed the 2 topsails. At
Noon took in Main Sail & fore, Steered
N by W. The latter part Squally. Sent
Main Spencer. Saw Nothing So Ends
Lat 30.16.17 N Long 156.25.00 W.

Saturday
March 27th The first part Strong wind & Squalls
from the S & W. Steered N by W. The
Middle part More pleasant. The latter
part light wind & cloudy. Unbent
Flying Jib & Mizen Topgallant Sail. Coug
& Porpus. The dog eat some & went in
fits & I think he will die, So Ends
Lat 32.52.45 N Long 156.23.00 W.

Sunday
March 28th The first part brisk breezes from the
S & W and cloudy weather Steered N by W
The Middle part light wind from
W & pleasant. The latter part light air
& Calms from the S & W the Ship heads
to the N & E. Saw Right whale birds —
So Ends Lat 34.47.05 N Long 156.49.45 W

wich Island, towards, the North west March 1852

Monday Mch 29th All of these twenty four hours light wind from the westward & & frequent fog Squalls. the Ship heading to the North and Nothing. So Ends

Lat 36.07.00 N Long 155.25.30 W

Tuesday Mch 30th The first part light airs from the West & hazy weather, Steered NW The middle & latter part light wind from the South & fine clear weather, Painted the waist boat & can abt boat over head. Saw 2 Humpbacks. So Ends

Lat 36.56.45 North Long by C 155.28.15 by Lunar 155.32.00 West

Wednesday Mch 31th Commences with light wind from the South & fine weather. Steered NW. the middle part the same. all employed in mending fresail. At 3.30 PM bent it. brisk wind from SW & hazy weather Saw a Finback. So Ends

Lat 39.02.52 N Long 155.34.30 West

Thursday April 1st All of these twenty four hours brisk wind from SW & some fog. Steered NW Saw Finbacks. So Ends

Friday April 2nd The first part of this day brisk wind from SW & foggy weather. Steered NW. the Middle part light airs from NW & thick weather. the latter part light wind & the weather more pleasant. Saw a Finback. So Ends.

73

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington bound

Saturday April 3 This day begins with light wind fro the westward & hazy weather. At 7 AM strong wind & squally double reefed the Topsails. Steered NNW. At 8,30 took in Jib & Mainsail, and close reefed the Main Topsail. At 11 Close reefed the fore & ma had heavy squals with hail & snow. At 5.30 PM took in foresail. fore topsail & mizzen Topsail; the weather very squa and the sea very bad. The Ship heading NNW. the wind W. by Ends

Lat 36.24.53 N Long 155.17.15 West

Sunday April 4th Commences with strong gales from W & Squally weather. the Ship lying under Close reefed Main Topsail & main Spencer; heading NNW. At 6 AM mo moderate Let Close reefed fore & Mizzen Topsails. At 10 AM, heavy gales & squa from SW. hove the Ship too under Close reefed main Topsail head to NW. The rest of the day wind & weath much the same. Saw Finback &c. by En

Lat 41.16.00 N Long 154.51.00 W

Monday April 5th The first & middle part heavy Gales from SSW to SW & Squally. the Ship heading W to WNW, under close reefed main Topsail. At 5 PM wind hauled to NW. Veered ship to NNW. a heavy sea going by Ends

Lat 41.24.00 N Long 154.51.45 W

74

Whale on the North west Coast April 1852

Tuesday April 6th Begins with heavy Gales from NW & Squally weather; the Ship WbW under Close reefed main Topsail main Spencer & foretopmast Staysail At 6 AM the wind West & more moderate Veered Ship to NNW. Set Close reefed Topsails & Inill foresail. I imployed myself in making Some alterations in the Cabbin by Shifting the door &c. At 2 PM heavy Gales took in fore & mizen topsails. at 8 took in foresail, heavy Gales & Squally. Saw a good many Whale birds. A heavy Sea going. So Ends

Lat 47.36.00 N Long 154.24.15 W

Wednesday April 7th The first part of these twenty four hours; Strong Gales from W & Squally, the Ship heading NbW under close reefed main Topsail. At 6 AM more pleasant. Set foresail, fore & Mizzen Topsails. At 10 Set 2 reefed Topsails jib & mainsail; the weather quite good. The latter part brisk wind from NW & wet weather, Steered NWbyN. So Ends

Lat 48.19.34 North Long 133.30.00 West

Thursday April 8th Commences with heavy gales from SW & thick weather; the Ship heading WbW, under Close reefed main Topsail. The middle part wind W & pleasant made some Sail heading NbW The latter part light wind from NW & hazy weather. the Ship heading NbE. Made more Sail. Saw many whale birds - So Ends

Lat 49.39.58 North Long 153.28.37 West

25.

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington on

Friday April 9th — Begins with light wind from the S & E & thick weather. Steered N.N.E. at 6 PM strong winds from S.S.W. at noon cleared up. at 1 PM. heavy gales from S.W took in sail & hove to under Close reefed main topsail. at 4 PM it blew a Hurrecane took in the main topsail & foretopmast staysail. a Very heavy Sea going. at 6 Veered Ship to S.W the wind W. by S.

Lat 51.25.07 N Long 153. 35.30 W

Saturday April 10th — Commences with heavy gales from W & Squally weather, the Ship heading S.S.W under Main Spencer. at 8 PM more moderate Veered Ship to the North & Set Close reefed main topsail & fore topmast staysail. at 1 PM Set Foresail at 5 PM wind W & Squally took in Foresail, the Ship heading W.N.W to Ends — Lat 51.20.12 N Long 153.02.00 W

Sunday April 11th — Commences with heavy gales from S.W & Squally, the Ship heading W.N.W under Close reefed main topsail. at 8 Set more moderate Kept off W.N.W and Set fore & mizzen topsails, Foresail & jib. the middle & latter part brisk breezes from S and thick weather with Snow & rain. at 6 PM took in Sail, & Steered N.N.W under Close reefed main topsail & Foresail. to Ends

the north west Coast April 185?

Monday
April 12th Commences with light wind from the ESE & thick weather, steered NNW. At 11 AM the wind hauled to NNW & Cleared up. At 1 PM Came to under Close reefed main Topsail heading NE, the wind blowing a heavy gale. At 2,30 heavy Snow Storm took in main Topsail, the Ship heading NNE. So Ends Lat 54°.03.00 N Long 152.32.30 West

Tuesday
April 13th All of these twenty four hours heavy gales from the westward, with Squalls of Snow and hail. the Ship heading to the north under main Spencer. a very heavy Sea going So Ends Lat 53.45.08 N

Wednesday
April 14th Begins with heavy gales from the westward and very Squally. with hail & snow, the Ship lying under main spencer, heading to the north. At 5 AM more moderate, set close reefed main topsail & foretopmast Staysail. at 8,30 set foresail. at 1 PM set 2 reefed fore & mizzen Topsails. the latter part quite moderate. at 4 PM took in fore & mizzen Topsails. So Ends

Lat 53.35.05 N Long 150-25.45 West

Thursday
April 15th Commences with light wind from NW & cloudy weather, the Ship heading N. At 5 AM Made all Sail, had light wind from the westward & some Snow. the Middle part baffling wind with Snow & hail. the latter part the same. At Sunset Shortened Sail, the Ship heading to the N & W. and a Sinbad. So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising for

Friday April 16th — Begins with brisk breezes from the westward a pazing clouds. At daylight made Sail he to the N & W. The Middle part squally with snow & hail. The latter part light wind f the South Steered N W. Saw several Fin backs &c Ends

Lat 35.18.46 North Long 149.50.45 West

Saturday April 17th — Commences with brisk winds from the S & W and frequent snow & hail squall The Ship heading W to WSW. At 7.30 D.M Made Sail & Steered N W. The Middle and latter part had some light squal of hail. Took over Potatoes out of the house on deck and put them belo to Keep them from freezing. At 8 took in Sail. the wind SE. the Ship heading SSW. Saw many Finbacks &c Ends Lat 35.23.38 N Long 150.16.45.W

Sunday April 18th — The first part light wind from SE & fin weather, at daylight wind hauled to the Eastward Made Sail heading to the N & W at 7 AM thick snow Storm. At 11 wind hauled to SE & Hoped Snowing. reped the Topsails & took in mainsail & fo The last part the wind East & quite pleasant. the Ship heading N & E. &c Ends

Monday April 19th — Commences with strong wind from the Eastward & good weather; the Sh heading to the N & E. At 2 P.M took

Whales on the North west Coast April 1852

Ship to E, the wind NNE. The middle part strong wind from NNW, Steered ENE. The latter part strong wind and baffling. a heavy sea running from ENE. The Ship under 2 reefed Topsails heading ENE by the wind. Saw Finbacks & Ends

Lat 57.16.16 N Long 148.12.30 West

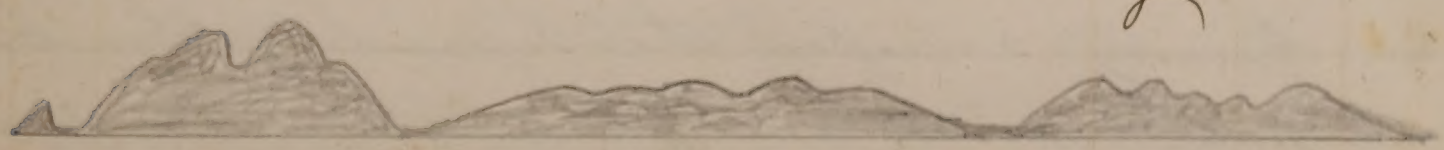
Tuesday April 20th Begins with strong wind from N & Clear weather the Ship heading to the N & E. the Middle and latter part brisk breezes from the westward and fine pleasant weather, Steered N & by W.

Made a new set of Cutting pennants saw Finbacks. & Ends

Lat 57.44.03 N Long 136.08.00 W

Wednesday April 21st The first part of these twenty four hours light wind from the westward and fine weather. Steered N by W. The Middle part light airs & Calms from the North the Ship heading to the Eastward. Saw Kayes Island bearing NNE 35 miles. The latter part light wind & baffling from the N & W. the Ship heading to the North & East. Saw a good many Finbacks. & Ends. Kayes Island bearing N by W. 15 miles

Lat 58.19.24 North Long 144.57.30 West



Kayes Island bearing N by W 25 miles
The Centre being in 58.58.00, North Latitude and 144.50.00, West Longitude ——

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington on the

Thursday - The first & middle part Calm pleasant wea
April the 22 The last part light airs from the S & W
the Ship heading to the N & W. Close in
with Kayes Island. Lowered the boats &
picked up some wood to make beds
for Oil Cask. Sounded in 70 Fathoms wa
Last blue mud. Saw finbacks. By
by good Observations that this Coast & the
Island are 25 miles farther to the West
than they are placed on the Chart
Published by J W Norie. So Ends

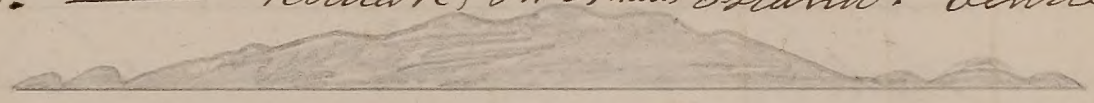
Lat 59° 37.00 N Long 144° 55.30 W

Friday
April the 23 Begins with light winds from the South
& pleasant weather, steered W by N. At 4
AM pleasant breezes from E. At 8 stood
Close in to the land & Sounded in 9
fathoms fine gray Sand. Sent 2 Boats
in to Sail along the beach to See if
there was any Right or Polar whale to
be seen. Ran the Ship along with
the Shoar Close by. Saw a good many
Small Finbacks. At 10 Set Signal for
the boats the wind blowing on Shore
at 11 took them up & Stood off by the
wind heading S & by E. The Officers in
the Boats reported no Whale. At 2 PM
Squally 2 reefed the Topsails. The last
part wind & weather much the Same
Steered S - So Ends

Lat 60° 12. 33 N Long 136° 29. 30 W

North West Coast April 1852

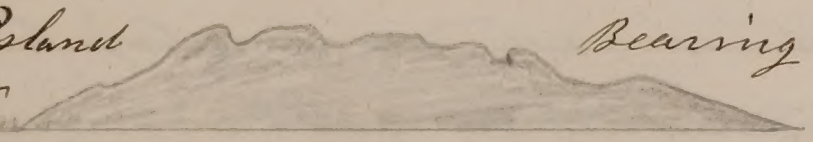
Saturday
April 24th Commences with Strong winds from E & N E
and thick Squally weather. Steered S under 2 reefs
Topsails. The Middle part, Steered S W. At
6 P M wind light, from the South & East. and
Kodiack bearing N W 25 miles. Saw Finbacks
So Ends. —— Kodiak, S W 25 miles Island. Centre being



in Lattitude 57.25.00 North and Long 152.55.00 West

Sunday
April 25th Begins with light wind from the Eastward
the Ship heading to the South close in with the
land. The middle part light airs & calms from
the South. the laying about 3 miles from
Penny's Island. in 40 fathoms of water we put
some hooks on some lines & caught 3 Codfish
and 5 Halibut. The latter part light wind
from the S & W the Ship heading to the S & E
Saw a good many Humpbacks So Ends
Lat 57.14.23 N Long 152.23.00 W

Penny's Island Bearing N W 8 miles distance
Lat 57.10 N Long 152.20.00 W



This Island had no name & I have given it that of my first Mate

Monday
April 26th Begins with light winds from the South
& hazy weather; the Ship heading to the S & E.
The middle part light wind from the Westward
and clear weather, the Ship heading S to S W.
Sent a foretopgallantsail. The latter part had
Strong Gales from W & W. At 7 P M reduced
to close reefed Topsails & foresail Steering S W
Saw Finbacks. a heavy Sea from S W
So Ends Lat at noon 56.22.35 N Long 2 P M 152.50.00 W

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Tuesday April 27th — Commences with Strong Gales from W to N & Cloudy weather Steered, Steere SW under Close reefed topsails. The Midle part pleasant; At Noon Saw 2 Right whales to leward 3 Boats did not get fast. At 5.30 PM Spoke the Newark of Stonington Capt Dickens 5 months out clean. Struck a whale to day & the Iron Came out. I went onboard and got 2 letters from my belove Wife. At 8 PM I Came backs & Stood to the S & W under easy Sail in Company with the Newark. So Ends

Lat 54.38.00 N Long 153.50.00 W

Newark

Wednesday April 28th — Begins with light winds from the S & W the Ship heading to the S & E in Company with the Newark. At 9.30 lowerd 3 Boats for a Right whale without Succe at 11 boats Came onboard. Strong winds W to WNW. At Noon Captain Dickins Came onboard to get Some Oil to burn at 1 PM 2 reefed the topsails the Ship heading NW. Saw a RW going to windward to ruff for whaleing At 6.30 Captain D returned So Ends

Lat 53.46.40 N Long 155.19.30 W

Thursday April 29th — Commences with Strong gales from W and squally, the Ship heading NW under 2 reef topsails, in Company with the Newark At 12 M heavy gales, Close reefed the main topsail and took in the fore & mizen

Cruising for Whales April & May 1852

The middle part, wind & weather the same and the Newark a long distance to leeward. The last part more moderate, at 7 PM set close reefed fore & mizen topsails heading SW by W by S. Ends

Lat 52.28.18 N Long 156.25.15 W

Friday
April 30th Commences with Strong wind from NNW & clear weather. The Ship heading SW. at 7 AM Calm at 7 light wind from SE Steered WbyS. At Noon brisk breezes, at 1 PM thick Snow Storm at 2 PM double reefed the Topsails, at 3,30 took in mainsail & Jib. At 4,30 close reefed the Topsails. Strong gales with snow & rain. In the morning we saw the Newark to leeward & Ends Lat 51.36.32 N Long 158.00.00 W

Saturday
May 1— Commences with Strong gales from SE. and thick weather. The Ship under Close reefed Topsails & Foresail Steering WbyS. At 5 PM more moderate let one reef out fore & main Topsails and set jib & mainsail; Steered WSW. At noon Calm with a heavy Sea going from SE At 1,30 PM heavy gales from NW by W. Hove the Ship to under close reefed main Topsail heading W by S; heavy Squalls of Snow & hail, the latter part the same Saw Porpuses. Ends. No Observation

Sunday
May 2nd Begins with heavy gales from NW & hail Squalls the Ship heading WSW under close reefed main Topsail. The middle part more moderate from W. The latter part Strong gales from S by E & thick weather. The Ship heading W by W under close reefed Topsails Lat 51.35.35 N Long 162.41.15 West

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington on

Monday May the 3d — Commences with Stony gales from S S W and thick weather, the Ship heading to W under close reefed Topsails & foresail. The middle part more moderate fresh S by E steered W by N. at 6 P M wind N W, fog cleared up. the Ship heading W N W. So Ends

Tuesday May 4th — The first part of this day brisk breezes from the westward and cloudy weather, the Ship heading to the S & W. At 6 A M tacked to the N & W. The middle part light winds and pleasant weather. The last part light airs & calms and hazy weather. Said Oonalashka Island bearing N W by W 50 miles So Ends Lat 52.25.34 N Long 165.38.15 W

Wednesday May 5th — Begins with Calm hazy weather. At 2 P M light winds from N E the Ship heading N W I hoped to be able to go through the Passage to the East of Oonalashka, but could not fetch it. Kept the Ship off W by S & run along the land, to take one of the Passages farther to the westward. had light winds and cloudy weather. Steered W by S. So Ends Lat about 53.15. or 20 Long 167.00.00 W

Thursday May 6th — Commences with brisk breezes from the Eastward and hazy weather, Steered W by S. At 6 P M Kept off W by N, Stood close into the land, it came on thick, could not see a Passage I thought it to risky to stand in any farther we hauled on the wind to S & took in Sail

strong gales from E & S E & thick rainy weather At noon heavy gales from E & E the Ship heading S E under close reefed main Topsail. So last part heavy gales from N E the Ship heading E & E. So Ends

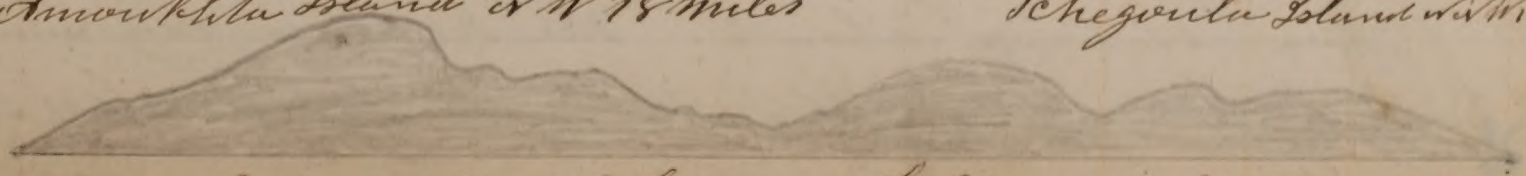
Friday May 7th Begins with heavy gales from N E and thick weather, the Ship heading E & E under close reefed main Topsail. At ½ PM wind veered to N N W ½ cleared up. Veered Ship to the westward & Made Sail. At 10 P M tacked Ship to N & N N E the wind veering from N N W to N W & equally, the Ship under double reefed Topsails, jib, and courses. The latter part strong gales and squally; at ½ P M closed reefed the Topsails, took in jib and courses. at 8 P M Veered Ship to S W by W So Ends

Lat 51° 55' 18" N Long 170° 36' 00" West

Saturday May 8th Commences with Strong gales from W N W and squally the Ship heading S W under close reefed Topsails. At 6 A M Veered Ship to W S W and set foresail & 2 reefed main Topsail. at 9 made Amoukta Island bearing N W by W 30 miles. At 10 Set Mainsail & 2 reefed fore & mizzen Topsails. at 1 P M passed through between Tchegoula & Gounaska Islands, into the Kamtschatka Sea. found the Passage clear & safe for any Ship to pass through. brisk wind from W. steered N W by W So Ends Lat at noon 53° 26' 00" N

Amoukta Island N W 18 miles

Tchegoula Island W S W 12 miles



Gounaska Island N by E 15 miles

A 5

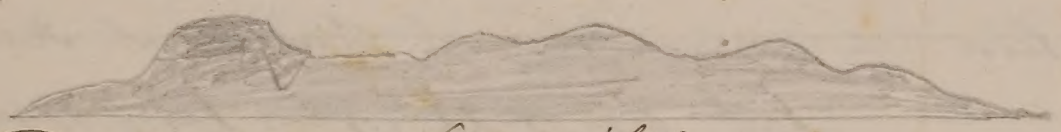
Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Sunday May 9th — Begins with brisk breezes from W and cloudy weather, the Ship heading N.N.W. The middle part light baffling winds from N.W to N.N.W and pleasant weather, the Ship heading N.N.E to N.E. The latter part Strong winds from N.W by W & W.N.W and squally the Ship heading N.E & N.E by E. at 6 PM 2 reefed the Topsails; at 7.30 took in Jib & Mainsail and Trimbacks to Ends Lat 53.52.12 N Long 169.46.15 West

Monday May 10th — Commences with Strong Gales from N.N.W, and squally weather, the Ship heading N.E under close reefed Topsail & Foresail. At 1.30 A.M took in foresail. The middle part heavy gales from W to W.N.W with squalls of snow & hail the Ship heading N to N.N.W. The last part light wind from W.N.W. Steered N.N. and so Thro to Ends Lat 54.34.36 North Long 168.12.30 West

Tuesday May 11th — Commences with light wind from the S & W and cloudy weather. Steered N.N. at midnight the wind veered to the Eastward at 4 AM thick snowey weather. At 10 AM saw St George's Island bearing N 15 mls At 11 saw Ice a head. Spoke the Schooner Newark of Stonington. Captain Dickens said their was plenty of Ice to the westward, we stood Close up to it & kept off to the S & W edge of it steering the detached pieces that was flatering about. The Ice was very much broken and trending to the N.E & S.W. at 4 PM got Clear from it, and had a clear Sea

as far as we could see to the westward. We hauled on the wind heading to the NNW with light winds from NW & hazy. at 8 PM took in Sail and Killars. Captain Dickens had seen a large Shoal of Sperm Whale since 3 and him but did not get any. So Ends



St George's W 15 miles Island. Lat 56.30.00 N Long 169.25.00 W

Wednesday
May 12th Begins with light wind from NW and hazy weather, the Ship heading WNW. at 3 PM made all Sail heading NW the W & very light. at 6 tacked Ship to the N & W; the Newark in Company. At 1 PM Stood close in to the Ice & tacked to the South. and 2 Seal on the Ice. the latter part squally with Snow & hail, tacked & Stood to the N & W. at 5.30 PM close in to the Ice tacked & Stood off heading South. I hope Soon to get to the westward of the Ice so I can go to the North. and Killars So Ends the Newark out of sight to leward

Lat 56.38.00 N Long 171.30.00 W

Thursday
May 13th Begins with Strong breezes from NNW and Snow Squalls, the Ship heading & under double reefed Topsails Jib & Courses, At Midnight tacked to NW, at 4 AM all Sail and fine weather & pleasant breezes from NW. Steered NE. and Humpbacks & Finbacks. Sent Flying Jib, Mizzen Topgallantsail & new Main Topsail. the last part baffling wind and thick weather So Ends Lat 57.04.35 N Long 173.00.00 W

Ship Betsey Williams cruseing for Whale in

Friday May 14th — The first part, light baffling airs from ESE to SW, and some snow. Steered to WNW. The middle & latter part Calm and quite pleasant. Set up the forge and fettled main topsail Yard and a good many ducks went off in the Boat & Killed 28, and 2 gulls. and 1 Finbuck. Passed a number of Peases of Ice. So Ends

Lat 57°.38.22 N Long 174°.20.00 W

Saturday May 15th — Begins with light wind from the north, the Ship heading to NW by W. at 3 PM came in to the Ice, tacked Ship to E, and run so far an how and no opening, at 4 tacked & stood to the S & W, the Ice being scattered we could pick owre way through in that direction. The middle & latter part light airs & Calms, the Ship evening about 1 Knot per hour, hit a good many peases of Ice but not hard enough to hurt her. Killed some birds & saw a number of Seal. So Ends

Lat 58°.01.16 N Long 174.58.00 West

Sunday May 16th — Commences with light airs and calms from the north and fine weather, the Ship in the Ice. At 6,30 AM got into clear sea by steering to the S & W. At 7.30 saw more Ice to West of us, and we found that the clear water we was in was nothing but a deep bend that made into the Ice. We stood over to the west side of it & run to the SW & WSW along the South & Eastern edge of it. the Ice trending about NE & SW. AM 3,30 PM got where we

could see clear water across it. I hauled in to the Ice, and at 5 PM got into a clear sea without damageing the Ship. I was very anxious to get to the N & W or I should not made the attempt; The day Ends with fine breezes from N by W, the Ship heading W by N. had 1 Finback & one Grampus. a Strong current setting to the North.

Lat 57.40.08 N Long 175.56.30 W

Monday
May 17th Begins with brisk breezes from N W to N W the Ship heading W to N W. at 8 AM tacked to N by E.

The middle part, wind Veering from N W to N W the Ship heading N to N E. had 2 Ships standing to the N & E. At noon stood close in with the Ice, I saw no prospect of getting through it and tacked to W & N W. The Ice running about E N E & W S W. The 2 Ships stood on to the N & E. and one of them went in to the Ice, but I have my doupts about his finding a passage through

I thought the chance to be better by going to the westward, and we are working the Ship that way as fast as we can against a head wind. Saw. Finbacks & Grays

Lat 58.44.31 North Long 177.01.30 West

Tuesday
May 18th Begins with light wind from the westward & fine weather. the Ship tacking off & on the Ice, working to westward. At 4 AM calm & the smoothest Sea I ever saw. At 8 unbent the fore topsail for repairs. At 4 PM bent it. At 6 light airs from E Steered W by S & W by W along Ice, it

87

being very compact to the north, and reaching as far as the Eye could See with the assistance of a Spy glass from the Main Topgallant head and had much farther I know not. Their is Ice to the South of us in sight, but much broken. I hope Soon to find the west end of it So I can haul to the north where I hope to find whales. We Saw 5 whales to day that looked very much like California Grays. I think there is a little Current Setting to the north & W. The day Ends with light airs from E & the Ship passing through Scattering Ice. Steering W by N

Lat 58°.45.36 N Long. 177.56.15 W

Wednesday
May 19th

Montreal
2800 Bbls.

The first pleasant calm weather, the Ship lying close to the Ice. The middle part light wind from the Westward. Worked the Ship to windward. At 8.30 PM Spoke the Montreal of New Bedford Captain Fish no Oil this Season, had Seen 5 Polar Whales he reported many Ship to the South & West and some leaveing the ground for the Okhotsk Sea & Kodiack. So Ends

Lat 58.58.26 N Long 178.32.00 W

Thursday
May 20th

Begins with light airs from NW & fine weather. Steered SbyE to Clear a point of Ice, in company with the Montreal. At 4 AM calm, at 6 light airs from SE Steered SW along the Ice. The middle part light winds from W. worked the Ship to windward. The latter part

90

light wind from SW to SSW, the Ship heading W to WbW: Saw a Ship Steering to the South & East. I expect he is like Myself heardly Knows which way to go. I can find no passage through the Ice, to the North, and I have not seen a Whale of the right kind since I came into the Sea. I am quite discouraged, but will try to put my trust in God for he is able to do all things well —

Lat 58.32.51 N Long 178.53.30 West

Friday
May the 21 Begins with brisk breezes from SW to SSW and cloudy weather; the Ship heading W to WbW, in Company with the Montreal. The middle part light airs & calms from S, steered W & NbW Saw 2 Ships, steering to the westward. the latter part light wind from E & E and thick weather with snow. the Ship heading NbW by the wind. and Killars. At Ends — no Ice to day

Lat 59.14.09 North

Saturday
May 22nd Commences with brisk breezes from E & E, and thick weather with snow; the Ship heading NbW the Montreal in Company. At 2 PM saw the Ice right off to the westward. The middle part of the day the weather more pleasant, we had to run more to the S & W to get round the Ice. At 3 PM got clear of it and hauled by the wind heading W to WbW. Saw 6 Ships steering to the Eastward & to the West. We crossed some spots of very thick dusty water, and some quite clear At Ends

Lat 60.09.28 N Long 175.38.30 East

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Sunday May the 23d

Commences with light wind from N and hazy weather with some snow. Steers W.N.W. at 6 A.M saw the land a head At 10 A.M got in where the Ice was so thick that we could get no farther in with ship saw a Polar whale, with about 16 to 20 Boats after him but he outwitted them all, and went to the North under the Ice. While lying aback we Spoke the Candace of New London Captain Walker nothing this season. Coriolanus Captain Grinnell of Mystic nothing this season. South Boston of Fairhaven Captain Williams nothing this season. Albion Capt Soule of Fairhaven nothing this season. At noon kept off to the S.W. the wind blowing strong from N.E. At 5,30 Spoke the Newark of Stonington Captain Dickens. had been Nothing since I saw him. The wind increasing took in sail. heading to E.S.E under 2 Reefs Main Topsail and foresail

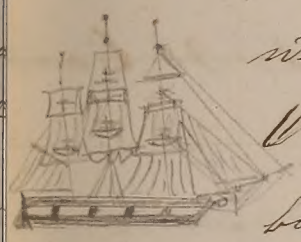
Candace
Coriolanus
South Boston
Albion
Newark

Monday May 24th

Begins with Strong Gales from N.E to N.N.E and Squally with snow, the Ship heading E.S.E to E under 2 Reefed Main Topsail & foresail At 3 A.M it had got to be a heavy gale took in the foresail & Close reefed the main Topsail, a very quick bad Sea going, the Ship lying very dry. The Middle part of the day wind & weather the same. The latter part more moderate and more pleasant but a strong gale for all that. The wind & the Ship heading E.S.E. So Ends

for Whale in the Kamtscatska Sea May 1852

Tuesday May 25th Commences with strong winds from N.W. and clear weather the Ship heading W under close reefed main Topsail & foresail, at ½ P.M light winds from W. made all sail heading S.W. Cape Olutorsky bearing N.W by W. The Middle part light baffling airs & calms. Spoke the Benjamin Tucker of New Bedford Capt Sands 7 months out. five Bbls Sperm. The latter part light airs from W to W.N.W the Ship heading N.W.N Saw Eleven Ships So Ends



Benj Tucker

Lat 59.29.52 North Long 171.53.15 East

Wednesday May 26th Begins with light wind from the Westward & pleasant weather, the Ship working in for the land. at 9 A.M stood as close in as we could for the Ice, and Kept off to the N&E along the edge of it. Saw a number of California Whale or what I Should call the horned Whale if there is any such Whale in this Sea. The middle & latter part light wind from S.W & hazy. Steered to the N&E through the Ice. found it very much broken & good passages through it thus far. Saw 5 Ships Steering the same. So Ends

Lat 60.15.08 N Long 171.39.30 East

Thursday May 27th. The first part light airs from S.W. and hazy weather. Steered to the N&E along the land. The Middle & latter part light airs & Calms 7 Ships in sight 1 Bowhead & Walrus, and Shot 2 Seal. Picked up a drug the natives use for Whaleing. think it was made

93

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruse

of a Wales poke. The day ends with fine pleasant weather, the land about 15 Miles off

Lat 61°04.16 N Long 173.26.30 East

Friday
May 28th The first part light airs & Calms from the South and East, and fine pleasant weather Steered N E. At 2 PM came in thick & some snow, with wind from the Eastward At 4 AM Spoke the Gen. Williams of

Gen. Williams

Newlondon Captain Forsyth 9 Months out 4 Right Whale. The Middle & latter part, thick and Clear at intervals Worked the Ship to windward along the land, saw California grays, Lowered for them without success. Saw 4 Ships, to Ends. Lat about 61.45.00 North

Saturday
May 29th Begins with brisk breezes from E & E & thick hazy weather. Employed in working the Ship to windward, along the land. At 4 AM Strong wind and thick wet weather & the water makeing Ice as fast as it Struck the Ship Reeped the Topsails & got, the Ship snug. The Middle and latter part wind & weather the Same, the Ship Covered in Ice from the, Truck to the water, saw 2 Ships working to windward. This makes me think of home and wish himself there, I can truly say I have a great desire to be at home with my dear family. Saw California Gray's

ing for Whale in the Okamtscatka Sea May 1852

Sunday May 30th — Begins with brisk breezes from N E, and thick wet weather, the Ship E SE & E by S. At 2 P M Saw a very large body of Ice off the lee bow, tacked Ship to N. found it very hard working Ship there being so much Ice on the rigging. at 8 AM passed a large spot of Ice. the middle of the day wind & weather much the same the latter part very moderate and smooth and the weather more pleasant. beat the Ice of the spars and rigging and set Mainsail Topsail. at 8 P M stood close in to the land and tacked to S E by E. Saw a number of California grays, and several walrus. So Ends — —

Monday May the 31st — Commences with light airs & Calms from the N E, and fine weather. the Ship heading E SE. At 8 A M. wind light from N N E steered E N E. at 5 foggy at 6,30 came into Ice, hauled the Ship the wind & worked out of it. at 8.30, Cleared up, saw a clear Passage, between the Ice and land as far as we could see from aloft with a glass. Kept off N E. the weather fine & pleasant, the Ice melting from the rigging very fast. At 6 P M. got close in to the land and found the Ice reaching to the Shoar, and nothing but Ice to be seen to the Eastward. so we have no alternitive but to retrace our steps a short time at least. This seems hard after beating and banging about so long, cant get within 80

95

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Lawsen

Miles of Cape St Thadeens; the place of our distinecation to have to turn back without reaching it. but it cant be helpd and we must make the best of it. I have run as much risk among the ice as I think is prudent, and have had the ship against considerble of it. and I fear have hurt the Copper some to day. We are all anxious to get whales. for the season is passing off and we see nothing but Calfornia Grays. Walrus &c. So ship in sight to day. S. Ends Cape Navarin bearing E 20 Miles, and we lying in a calm —

Lat 62.09.00 N Long 178.04.15 East

Tuesday June 7th 1 Commences with light baffling airs and Calm from the Eastward. the ship heading N.W. The weather pleasant. The middle part light airs from the Westward. Picked over over potatoes dried them and put them back betweendecks. at 3.30 Spoke the

Alexander } Alexander of New Bedford Captain Pryan 200 Bbls whale Oil. nothing this season. The last part baffling wind from the westw Steered to the N & E, and 15 Ships. S. Ends

Lat about 62.05.00 N Long about 177.00

Wednesday June 8th Begins with light baffling wind from the N & W, and fine weather; worked the ship to the N & E along the land in company with a number of others. at 9 A.M. the close in to the land about 15 miles to

for Whale in the Kamtschatka Sea June 1852

the west of Cape Navarin, found the Ice so thick, we could not get round the Cape for a while. I think the Ice is going very fast to the South East and I hope in a few days to be able to get round. At 10 AM I went in shoar with my Boat in Company with Captain Forsyth & Baly. We found 2 huts there with about 20 to 25 Natives Men Women & Children They were quite light and good looking, with hair strait and dark. They were clothed with skins; their living I think is mostly dried Sea fowls which they had smoaking in abundance. Their huts was covered with walrus hides, that they live in in the Summer; but their Winter habitation is under Ground & Covered with Earth. They would willingly part with their Clothing for a very little Tobacco. My men bought a number of their Jackets, pants shoes, Mittens &c, ashoar, and from the men in a boat that came off to the Ship. The Boat was made of Walrus hide, and was large enough to carry 15 men with safety. The latter part of the day is fine with baffling airs & Calms. There is 14 Ships here, and all like my self heardly Know what to do. As for the Soil in this part of the world, there is none fit to cultivate it is very light, and gravely. I saw no signs of Cultivation, and the grass was very light, where there was any. The natives were very timid & appear very friendly. Saw a good many California Grays &c Ends

Lat 62-30-00 N Long 178-40-00 E.

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Lousey

Thursday
June 3d

This day begins with Calm pleasant weath
the Ship lying close in with the
land, in Company with 14 other Ships.
saw one Cut a California gray & went
to boiling. at 10 AM see him Strike a
nother and Kill him we lowerd with-
out success. at 1 PM lowerd for more Mr
Penny Struck and Killed one, at 3 PM
took him to Ship and went to Cutting. Cam
in thick fog & light wind from the S.W.
at 5.30 PM finished cutting. and got ready for
Boiling. at 8 fog lit up some. so Ends

Lat 52.28.47 N Long 177.35.00 W

L 20 B
A. Gray

Friday
June 4th

Commences with Calm foggy weather
the Ship Close in with the land, imployed
in boiling. at 10 AM light wind from
S.W. the Ship heading S.E, at 1 PM finish
boiling. at 2 PM spoke the Otaheite of Berm
Captain Whimple. 1 whale this season. at
3 PM fog lit up some, Kept off & on
in for the land. at 7 spoke the Montreal
of New Bedford had taken one whale since
we saw him the 19th of May. the last pa
Calm and thick saw 12 Ships, 4 or 5. at
Anchor so Ends

Otahite
Montreal

Saturday
June 5th

Begins with Calm & thick foggy weather. the
Ship Close in with the land. at 7 AM lit
up some, the wind light from S.W. spoke
the Newark of Stonington, Captain Dickens; had
taken nothing since we saw him the

Newark

29th of May. Have lost jib boom flying jib boom and fore topgallantsail, have got all fitted. The Middle and latter part thick foy. the Ship standing off and on the land. Saw 2 Ships. So Ends

Sunday
June 6th Begins with light wind from the NW and thick foggy weather, the Ship lying aback, head to the South. at 4 AM hit up some. Kept off NE. Saw 6 Ships. at 10 AM Shut in thick foy. at 2 PM hit up saw the land Close by. I found we were close to Cape Navarin and the Sea was nearly clear from it. at 3 came in thick foy, hauled the Ship off shore heading South. Saw 15 Ships. So Ends

Monday
June 7th The first part light wind from NW & thick foy, the Ship heading W. The middle part Calm and cloudy, the land not far off, found we had but about held our own against the current. Stowed down what Blackfish and California Oil we had. Got the Chain up, and, bent it. The latter part light baffling airs and calms. and cloudy, hazy weather. Saw 22 Ships. we Stowed 25 Bbls of Oil and marked it C.O By the bung. So Ends

Tuesday
June 8th The first and middle part of this day Calm hazy weather. The latter part brisk breezes from ESE, and thick wet weather. Saw a Polar whale, going quick to the north Saw 12 to 15 Ships, all working to the NE & along the land. Saw Ice to Windward. So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Wednesday June 9th The first part brisk wind from N. E and cloudy meat weather, worked the Ship to the N & E, between the Ice and saw 13 other Ships in Company. The Middle part of this day, light winds and Spels of fog. At noon the Ships were up abreast of Cape Thaddeus, and a clear passage, as far as we could see to the N & E. The last part, a perfect Calm and a thick fog. The Current runs quick to the N E. the Ice going fast; the water is perfectly smooth not a ripple or a role, the Ship this 8 P M in 22 fathoms. the weather clear, and a good collar for whale. we saw 1 California Gray. So Ends. the anchor ready to let go at a moments warning

Thursday June 10th Begins with Calm foggy weather, the Ship lying close in to Cape Thaddeus. Serounded with Ice. The middle part brisk winds from South & clear weather. worked the Ship to windward out of the Ice. Spoke the Magnolia of New Bedford Captain Cox 1 Right whale this season. The latter part Strong gales, 2 Reefs the Topsails and took in fore & Courses. saw 13 Ships. So Ends

Magnolia

Lat 52 43.00 North

Friday June 11th All of this day, Strong gales from S. and Cloudy weather with Spels of fog. the Ship under short Sail standing off & on the land saw 11 Ships & 20 to 25 Polar Whale. So Ends

X

for Whale in the Kamtscatka Sea June 1852

Saturday June 12th — Begins with Strong wind from S and thick weather, at ½ P M lowerd 3 Boats for a polar Whale. I Struck him, at ½ took him to the Ship, and got ready for cutting. at ½ Steered Ship and Swayed on. The middle of the days very thick. at ½ P M finished cutting. Last light airs from the South. Saw 2 or 3 Whale to day. Saw 15 to 20 Ships, 3 got Whales. At 6 P M went to boiling, So Ends

S 75 B
P. Whale

Sunday June 13th — Commences with light wind from the West and thick foggy weather, the Ship close in with the Ice, imployed in boiling. At ½ A M fog lit up, Saw 20 to 25 Ships 3 Boiling and 2 Cutting. At 5.30 Saw a Polar whale, it came in thick fog and we lost light of him. At 1 P M fog lit up, Stood close in to the Ice. Saw Fin & Humpbacks. at 6 P M light wind from E and thick rainy weather. Steered to the South & West along the Ice. The blubber boiled very hard there being considerable water in it. So we Stopped boiling for better weather So. Ends.

Monday June 14th — Begins with light wind from the S & E and thick rainy weather, the Ship close in to the Ice, at ½ A M brisk wind from W S W. the fog lit up and we went to boiling. at 6 Shut in thick fog and remained so till 1 P M, it then Cleared off. Captain Dickins of the Newark was onboard, he went to his Ship and we Stood to the Northwest. and

Newark

101

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

12 to 16 Ships. At 3 P.M. Spoke the boats fro
the Albion of Fairhaven, they had a whal
Sand, another to the windward, he soon
went out of sight. The last part thick
rainy weather; tacked Ship and Stood to
the South. Saw 3 Ships boiling. The Steward
had nothing. So Ends, the land in sight

Tuesday
June 18th. These twenty-four hours begins with light wind
from W and thick wet weather. The Ship
heading SSW. Employed in boiling. At 6 A.M
fine pleasant weather. Stood close in to the
Ice Saw a whale. he went down and we
lost sight of him. At 8 A.M light wind
from SSW, the Ship heading W, at noon
Steward for a whale. Saw him no more. The
last of the day brisk wind from S and
thick fog, the Ship heading in for the land
WSW. Cape Shaddocus bearing W 45 miles.
Saw 32 Ships to day at 1 time, 4 boiling &
2 cutting — So Ends

Lat 62.37.49 N Long 178.37.30 W

Wednesday
June 19th Commences with, Strong wind from S
and thick fog the Ship heading WSW
under short Sail, employed in boiling. At
12 A.M tacked Ship to the Eastward. At 4
A.M tacked to W, the wind more moderate
the weather thick & rainy finished boiling
at 10 A.M. At 8 P.M. quite clear weather
Stood close in to Cape Shaddocus, and tacked
to S. the wind WSW Saw 6 Ships 2 boiling So Ends

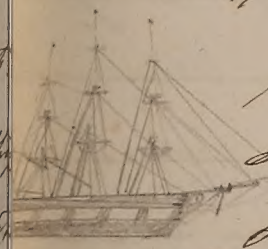
102

for Whale in the Kamtschatka Sea June 1852

Thursday
June 17th

This day begins with light airs and calms from the South and west. the ship heading South close in with the land. at 7 A.M. broke out the Main hatch for stowing Oil. the weather fine and pleasant. saw 2 whale going very quick in shore did not lower for them. at 9 A.M. spake the Uncas of New Bedford Captain James 2 Polar & 1 Right whale this season. was boiling. At noon finished stowing. Put down 75 Bbls. the latter part light baffling airs and calms. saw a whale going quick leeward without success. So Ends, the ship close to land —

Lat 62.49.00 N



Uncas

Friday
June 18th

Commences with, Calm thick weather the ship lying close in with the land. The Middle part brisk wind from N to NNW. and thick foggy weather. Cleaned the head of bone. The latter part Cloudy the ship heading NE to E & E. saw 20 to 30 ships the most of them to windward, several of them boiling, and 11 got whales. We saw a number of whales. the ships had started them. we leward and chased till 11 P.M without success. It seemed hard to see so many ships boiling and cutting and we no whale. we tried every effort in hopes to doo something, but in vain. we whaled by yoke all night, and I never lay down in my berth in the time. So Ends this day of hard luck

103

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Saturday June 19th — Begins with pleasant breezes from the North and cloudy weather. The Boats chasing whale. without success. the whales are very wind. The Middle part pleasant Kept chasing whale, and I used my utmost skill to strike one but could not do it. and several ships as boat off. and one got a whale. The latter part foggy. Kept whaleing when it was clear. The land was in sight, Cape Headdens. and a good many whales to day whaleing over the ground in all directions. I think by their actions the ground does not suit them. at 7.30 P.M fog lit up and whales to leward. at 8.15 leward 4 Boats and I succeeded in striking one, we killed him, and at 10.30 took him to the ship & made him fast for the night. I sent all hands below to get a nap, and I looked out for the ship. So Ends with light wind from the N & W and fine weather

110 S B P. Whale

Sunday June 20th — This day begins with light winds from the N & W and good weather. At 2.30 A.M wind N N E and thick wet weather. Called all hands and got ready for cutting. at 4 hooked on. at 11 finished. The fog lit up made Sail. At 1 P.M saw a whale. came in thick fog and we lost sight of him. At 4 P.M. Stood close in to the Ice. and tacked to the westward. Saw 10 to 12 Ships to day 2 Cutting & one with boats fast. So Ends employed in boiling

104

Monday June the 21 These twenty four-hours begins with light wind from the N & W. and thick foggy weather the Ship heading to the westward. imployed in boiling. at midnight tacked Ship to the Eastward. At noon it cleared up so I was able to get a meredian altitude of the Sun an then it came in thick and reamed so the most of the time trough the day We passed close to a large field of Ice that was detached from the main body which was in sight to the Eastward when the fog lift up. We have seen 9 Ships to day, 8 of them boiling, have seen no Whale I think they have moved to the North. and we are working the Ship that way as fast as we can; the wind light from W to S to Ests

Lat 62.28.23 N Long 178.34.00 W

Tuesday June the 22 The first part light wind from W by N. and very thick fog, the Ship heading N, imployed in boiling. The middle part light wind from E and thick fog: at 10 AM finished boiling. The latter part light baffling airs and Calms steered W & WSW, the fog lift up and 10 Ships 2 boiling. Saw 2 California grays. After we got the decks cleared up around the try works, we moored the Cooks Gally aft under the house, to get more deck room while whaleing.

105

In the fore part of the day we past Considerable Bread flashing on the water, thrown from some Whales

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Wednesday June 23d — This day begins with light wind from the NE and hazy weather. Steers WNW. The Middle part pleasant. Stows down 120 Bbls of Oil. The latter part light winds from the westward, worked the Ship close in to the land to the N & W of Cape Thaddeus. Saw 2 Ships take a whale in Company, and that is the only whale we have seen today. we have seen 13 Ships, and but one of them boiling. none whaleing but the 2 above named, The Ships were geeing in all directions E. W, N & S looking for whale. I think they are very much like myself don't know where to find them. So Ends

Lat 63.17.53 N Long 175.38.00 W

Thursday June 24th — Commences with light winds from W to WNW, and fine pleasant weather, the Ship heading N to NNW, at 6 P.M came in thick fog and brisk breezes from NW, the Ship heading NNE. imployed in Cleaneing Bone. The Middle & latter part light winds with clears & fogs, Saw a number of Ships Steering to the N & E. Saw scraps & fat lean, but no whales So Ends

Lat 63.38.58 N Long 178.34.00 W

Friday June 25th — Begins with light wind from NW & thick fog, the Ship heading NE, at 2 A.M. the wind hauled to NNE, tacked Ship to NW. at 6 A.M, wind NE the Ship

heading N.N.W. At noon the wind cleared the fog off and we had it fine and pleasant. At 2 P.M stood close in to the Ice and tacked Ship to E. The land in sight. the north side of the Anadir Sea: and about 30 miles off. At 6 P.M stood through a broken Ship of Ice, to work the Ship in towards the land, the wind brisk from N.N.E. took in the light-sails. At 7.30 stood close in to a Ship of Ice, and tacked Ship to N.W. and 2 reefed the Topsails. saw 2 Ships. and a whale going very quick to the N.E. we dried one head of bone and stowed it away &c Ends

Saturday June 26th

All of these twenty four hours Strong wind from N.N.E to W. and good weather; the Ship under double reefed Topsails, Courses & jib, working in for the land. At 1 P.M stood close in to the mouth of the gulf of Holy Cross, and tacked Ship to E.N.E. a bad sea going from the Eastward. saw 15 to 20 California grays. At 8 P.M took in Mainsail & jib, the Ship heading E by N. &c Ends

Lat 65.14.49 N Long 178.00.00 W

This day has brought to close my 08th Year

Sunday June 27th

Commences with strong wind from N by E and clear weather, the Ship heading E by N under 2 reefed fore & main. and close reefed Mizen Topsail & Foresail. At 8 A.M took in foresail & close reefed the Fore topsail. At 9 close reefed the main. At 10 stood close in to the Ice, and veered Ship to N.W. At 2.30 P.M more moderate

Set the foresail and 2 reefed main & fore topsails. At 3 Set jib and mainsail. At 4.30 Set full fore & main and single reefed mizzen topsail. At 6 tacked Ship to Ebys Saw several whales to Ends

Lat 64.50.16 N Long 176.30.00 W

Monday
June 28th Begins with brisk wind from N by E and Clear weather. the Ship heading Ebyes. At 6 A M Stood close in to Cape Thering, saw a Polar whale comeing in from the S very quick. the wind blowing strong in Squals off the land. at 7 lowerd 3 Boats without success. Saw 2 more whale going quick along the land, bound up for the Arctic. A good many natives Came off to the Ship to Exchange their Commodities for Tobacco. I had no time to bother with them, being anxious to get some farther to the E. the last part the wind light and baffling, the Ship close to Cape Wtchapen, saw a whale going like a steamboat along the land to Ends

Lat 64.44.20 N Long 174.38.30 W

Tuesday
June 29th Begins with calm pleasant weather the Ship close in with the land. and a number of native boats alongside. At 8 A M saw whales outshoar, had light airs from the westward. At 9 A M lowerd and Chased whales till 2.30 P M. without

thinking one. we saw a good many. and they were all going very quick to the East along the land. I think if we had had a breeze of wind that we should got a whale, but it being about a Calm & very still & smooth. they would see the boats or hear the paddles and keep clear. At 3 P.M strong Gales from N E, and thick rainy
XXX weather. we picked up a native boat with 2 men in her about 12 Miles from Shore, took her in on deck; got the
XXX Topsails reefed. and worked the Ship in
XXX under the land, the wind blowing heavy in Squalls. saw several whales close in to the land. do Ends

Wednesday June 30th Commences with Strong Gales from the N E & thick rainy weather, the Ship lying under the lee of Cape Norfolk. with short sail. some natives came off to the Ship, and one of them had a Card in a frame with a glass over it, stating that Captain John Moore Commanding H.B.M. Ship Plover, in search of Sir John Franklin. was froze in here the 7th of October 1848. and did not get out till June 13th 1849. At 3.30 P.M light wind. Inward for a whale without success. The Middle part Calm and thick fog some natives came off they had Walrus Tusks to sell but Dartes none for them. I of course did not trade with them The latter part light Baffling airs & Calms. we passed through a narrow Strip of Ice & found a Passage clear

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington bruseing

to the wrth and East. at 8 PM brisk breeze from the N & E, the fog lift up for a short time and we worked the ship to the N & E between the land and the Ice at 11 PM thick fog. So Ends

Thursday July the 1 Begins with light, wind from the N & E and thick fog. the Ship lying with the Main Topsail aback. at 8 AM saw a whale close by the Ship headway lowerd 2 Boats, Put up an Iron & lance Mr Thompson went on to him, darted & missed him. at 10 More whale round the Ship lowerd 3 Boats without succes. at 3.30 PM fog lift up and whales lowerd 3 boats, and Mr Collins struck one, we killed him near the Ice. at 6 took him to Ship & wore round head off from the Ice. Got Supper and at 7,30 Commenced Cutting. at 10.30 finished and 10 or 12 Whale to day, all going N.E. The watches imployed in Clearing away the head &c. The wind light from E.N.E & raing. the Ship heading S.E. So. Ends

B 85 B
P. Whale

Friday July 2 Commences with light wind from the Eastward and Cloudy weather. the Ship working up along the edge of the Ice. The watches, imployed in clearing up decks and getting ready for boiling at 4 AM Commenced. at 7 came on thick fog, at 9 hauled the main

110

Topsail aback. the middle part calm the latter part light wind from E & E. at ½ P M fog lit up, braced up the main yard and worked the Ship to the Eastward along the Ice which was in large bodys to the N & W of us. but all clear to the South & East as far as we could See - So Ends

Saturday July 3d

Commences with light winds from the Eastward, and cloudy weather; employed in boiling and working the Ship to windward along the South side of the Ice. At 8 A M light airs and fine weather; Stood close in to the Ice where it was quite narrow and much scattered the most of the way through it. I could See no Ice to the North of this so I made up my mind to pass through it & did so by getting on the large peases and shoveing them out of the way. At 9 got through; the weather Clear & pleasant with light airs from or E. we Saw the Capes on the North and South side of St Lawrence bay, East Cape, Diomede, Islands & Kings Island & Cape Prince of Wales at the Same time. Saw a good many Californea whale. at ½ P M Stood close in to the Ice & tacked Ship about 12 or 15 Miles from St Lawrence bay. The Ice run from the land out toward the Islands. Some 25 Miles it was narrow & it appeared to be all clear between it and East Cape. The wind at this time N W, a fine breze the Ship going East for Kings Island. finished boiling Lat 64.59.18 N Long 169.28.11 W

Ship Betsey Williams Stonington Cruising

Sunday July 4th — This day begins with brisk breezes from the North, and fine weather. Steered E. At 6 P.M. Stood close in to Kings Islands, and a good many California Grays a dozen canoes came off to the Ship, one man in Each of them. They were made of Skins & they were the neatest things ever saw of the canoe Kind. We ran the Ship to the South 12 to 15 miles saw no Polar whales, hauled on the wind and stood to the west by North. making the Ship go as fast as possible for the Arctic Ocean. At 7.30 P.M. stood close in to the Ice to the South of East Cape and tacked to the N.E. Stony breezes from N.N.W to Ends. Lat 64°.53'.06 N Long 168°.43'.30 W

Monday July 5th — Commences with brisk breezes from N.N.W and hazy weather with some fog at times, We worked the Ship up for East Cape. At 4 A.M. Commenced shaking out and stowing Oil at noon finished, stowed 90 Bbls. light wind and fine weather, the watch Cleaning bone. At 7 P.M. stood close in to Katmanoff Island, and tacked Ship and stood over for East Cape. The wind strong from N. The last part the wind light from the North. employed in working the Ship through the Straits saw a good many California Grays. At 6 P.M I gave Peter Stanley a good shaking for fighting George Quackenbush. to Ends

Lat 65°.33'.18 N Long 169°.24'.00 W

for Whales in Behrings Straits & Arctic Ocean July 1852

Tuesday July 6th — Commences with light baffling winds & good weather. The Ship Close in to East Cape. 2 Boats Came along side they had blubber and bone from a Polar whale taken very lately. The Middle and latter part brisk wind from NW, worked the Ship to the N & W Land California Grays to Ends

Lat 66° 28° 26" N Long 168° 55' 45" W

Wednesday July 7th — The first part light wind from N W and some fog, worked the Ship to windward along the land. The Middle part light wind from the Eastward and good weather steered to the westward for Cape Serdze Kamen. at 4 P M got within about 18 Miles of it, and could go no farther west for the Ice. Sounded the Ship off shore N N W. Saw 2 Staves & a piece of board that Came from a Ships bulwarks or house on deck. At 8 P M the weather pleasant saw a dead whale. At 8.30 I went to him with My boat, and found it to be a Polar whale that the natives had killed and took the blubber off of one side in part, & let him go; he was quite fresh and the bone all in. We took him to the Ship and got ready for cutting, So Ends. The sun Shone all night Lat 66° 52. 34 N Long 170° 46. 15 W

Found dead 65 P. Whale

Thursday July 8th — Begins with light wind from the South & East and fine weather, All hands employed in Cutting. At 3 P M finished, Made sail and steered N by W. saw passed several spots of

115

Field Ice. at 9 P.M. came to a barrier of
Ice running from the ne in a line to the
N & E, run the Ship, along the edge of it
employed in boiling Saw a plenty of California
grays, and a great many Walruses.
Saw a Ship to the North & East of us
standing to the Westward, At 9 P.M. Capt
Ash, came onboard, from the Orion of Hoave
5 Whales this season, he came through the
Straits the same day that we did had seen
no whale in side. He reported seeing
whales off Cape Behering & Cape Navs - a few
days after we left them, he said there
was quite a fleet of Ships there some of
them had done well. The Frances Henrietta
had 12 Whales, a number of them had from
4 to 9— We thought there was plenty of
whale in the Arctic if we could find them
but their is so much Ice in the Sea that
it have many fears, on the account. At
10 Captain Ash returned and we steered to
the North along the Ice with light airs
and calms from the South. Lat Ends

Lat 67.45.37 N. Long 176.16.45 W

Orion

Friday
July 5th

Begins with light wind from the South
and fine weather, Steered to the North along
the Ice in Company with the Orion. Employed in
boiling, at 10 A.M. finished, and went to cleaning
bone. The Middle part found the Ice more broken
and running more to the N & E. The latter part
brisk wind from S E the Ship heading E & E

at ½ P.M. I went onboard the Union a short time and Sold 4 Gigs & 2 one plued Irons. So Ends. and California whales

Lat 68.23.18 N Long 168.55.45 W

Sea Sunday
July 10th Commences with Strong breezes from SE & hazy weather, the Ship heading E & E in Company with the Union. at ½ A.M Strong wind and squally, the Ship under 2 reefed Topsail Courses up. Stood close in to Cape Lisburne, and Kept off N E along the land running along in 7 to 9 Fathoms. at 8 A.M took in fore & mizz Topsails and went to Blowing Bil, at noon finished part down 65 Bbls. Made Sail, the Wind S. and More Moderate. The land along this part of the Coast is very low, clear from snow, and no Ice to be seen, at this time as far a I have run along the Shear, and that is about 100 miles. The last part of the day brisk wind from WSW and some fog the Ship heading NW. Saw 2 California grays So Ends.

Lat about 70.00.00 N Long 168.00.00 W

Sunday,
July 11th Begins with brisk wind from WSW and thick foggy weather, the Ship heading NW. at ½ P.M tacked Ship to SW by W. The middle part light airs and thick. at 6 P.M light wind from SE. steered SW by W. The fog cleared off and we saw California grays So Ends. The Latitude and Long at Noon was about 69.57.00 N Long 163.30.00 W

115

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Monday July 12th Commences with light winds from the S & E and hazy weather; steered SW by W. at 2 P.M. saw a ship to leward heading to the Eastward. at 5 P.M. Strong wind from S.E. at 8.30 stood Close in by the Ice and tacked Ship to E & E by S. The Coopper imployed in setting up Short Cask and the rest of us helping what we could. The Middle part blowing heavy the Ship under 2 reefed topsails. at 3.30 saw 4 Ships Comeing from the South. at 4.30 saw Polar whales and lowerd 3 Boats for them without success. the other Ships lowerd for them, and the Tallas of Nova struck one, the land about 20 Miles off. The day Ends with brisk wind and some fog

Lat 69.32.08 N Long 165.35.00 W

Tuesday July 13th Begins with brisk wind from the westward and thick weather. The Middle part More moderate stood Close in to the land, and tacked to N.W. saw 4 Ships, the Frenchman cutting his whale at 4 P.M. Strong wind from the North. saw a whale going very quick to the N & E. at 6 P.M. spoke the Montezuma of N. London Captain Benjamin 9 Whale the season, and the George & Mary of N L Captain Green 8 Whale this season. The last part Heavy wind & squally the Ship under easy sail, standing off & on the land. So Ends

Montezuma

George & Mary

Cruising in the Arctic July 1852

Wednesday July 14th — Commences with Strong winds from S and cloudy weather; employed in working the Ship to windward under short Sail in Company with the above named Ships. The middle part Strong Gales and Clear weather. Stood close in to the land. The latter part Strong gales and cloudy, Saw one Californian Gray So Ends

Lat 68.30.02 N Long 164.20.45 W

Thursday July 15th — Begins with Strong wind from the North and Cloudy weather, the Ship heading NW by W in Company with the Montezuma and George & Mary of N. London. At 6 P.M tacked to N E the wind more moderate with Spells of fog. The Middle part quite pleasant. Saw 2 Polar whale one going very quick to the South, the other to the East. A fog bank Came over and we lost Sight of them. The latter part light wind, At 6 P.M tacked Ship Close in with the land and Stood to the N W. So Ends

Friday July 16th — Commences with pleasant breezes from the North & E and fine weather, the Ship heading N W to W by W. at 7 P.M Came in thick fog, the above named Ships in Company. At Noon. Clear weather. at 4 P.M came in to broken Ice. at 8 P.M Stood Close in to the heavier of Ice & tacked Ship to the S & E. Spoke the Bengal of New London Captain Phillips 7 Whale this Season. So Ends Lat 70.53.36 N Long 163.12.00 W

Bengal

117

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Lousing

Saturday July 17th — This day begins with brisk breezes from westward, and fine pleasant weather the Ship heading NE in Company with the Bengal, Montezuma & George & many of New London. The middle part light winds from SE, the Ship heading E & E. The latter part brisk winds from SW and cloudy weather, at 6 PM stood close in to the Ice off Wainright Inlet, to the N & E of Icy Cape, we tacked Ship to W & W by S. and Icy Cape to the S & W. and California Grays and many Whaling Ships

Lat 70.53.00 N Long 162.31.15 W

Sunday July 18th — All of these twenty four hours strong winds from the westward and frequent hard Squalls. Employed in working the Ship to windward in Company with the above named Ships. and California Grays & Ends

Lat 70.28.34 N Long 160.46.30

Monday July 19th — This day begins with strong winds from the westward and thick cloudy weather with snow worked the Ship to windward in Company with the three Ships mentioned above. The middle part strong gales & Squalls from the S & E. The latter part strong winds from the N & W and some snow the Ship heading to westward. At 6 PM Came up to a long body of Ice, the weather being thick could not see the extent of it we hauled by the wind to the westward &

This day closes the 12th year since I was united in Marriage to my beloved Wife

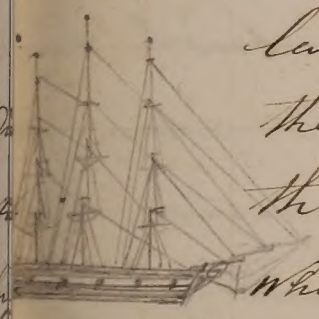
118

Tuesday July 20th

Begins with Strong wind from S W and snow Squalls; it let up some and we ran down to the Ice, and went through it in Company with the Bengal, Steered S S W the Middle & latter part, the wind more moderate from W by S to W S W. the Ship heading W to W by S. At 8 P M past Cape Lisburn. and 9 Ships to day and some California grays So Ends Lat 69.43.06 N Long 165.45.15 W

Wednesday July the 21

Begins with Calm thick weather. The Middle part brisk wind from S S E to S E and more pleasant. the Ship heading W to W S W. The latter part Strong gales and wet weather, the Ship under short sail. At 7 P M spoke the Sea of Warren Captain Lowle. had 2 Polar Whale, one Right whale Calf & one California whale We reported Seeing very few whale in the Arctic So Ends



Sea

Lat 68.30.00 N Long 168.50.00 W

Thursday July th 22

The first part of this day had Strong gales from S E and thick raing weather, the Ship heading to S W under Easy sail. The Middle part more moderate made sail heading to W S W the wind S and 8 Ships. at 2 P M Tack Close with the Ice and tacked to the S & E. hazy wet weather. at 8 P M Spoke the Pallas of Havre Captain Chandler 7 Whale. The last part light wind from the westward and wet weather. we Steered to the S & E along the Ice, had 1 California whale. So Ends

Pallas

119

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Friday July 23d

This day Commences with light wind from the westward and wet weather. Steered to the S & W along the Ice. The Middle part light wind from the North and quite pleasant. Stood along the edge of the Ice to the S & W and 3 Ships Steering the Same. The latter part light airs and foggy. Saw Califonia grays and many walrus So Ends

Lat 68.07.35 N Long 172.00.00 W

Done Gean to day I left My dear family & Started on this long Voyage

Saturday July 24th

Commences with light wind from the North, and thick foggy weather. the Ship lying aback. at 6 P M. brisk breezes from E & E the Ship heading SE along the Ice. the fog lift up and the land now in Sight. the Middle & latter part fine breezes from E and pleasant weather; Worked the Ship to the S & E along the Ice and towards the land. Saw Califonia grays & one Ship So Ends

Lat 69.43.15 North Long 172.12.45 West

Sunday July 25th

All of these twentyfour hours pleasant breezes from the Eastward, the weather dry but some cloudy. Worked the Ship to Nor'ward along, and through the Ice. of which their is a plenty, that has come through the Straits. Saw many Califonia grays, and one Ship the Makite of Bremen took her to be. So Ends

Lat 69.36.57 North Long 169.43.00 West

Cruising in the Arctic Ocean July 1852

Monday July the 26 — Begins with light wind from the Eastward and fine pleasant weather. we worked the ship to windward along the Ice. The middle part brisk winds. The latter part light wind we worked as close in to the wind as we could for the Ice, saw many California grays, the General Williams of New London took one. the Boats from the Otaheite Chased a whale that I think was a Polar whale. So Ends

Lat 67°.10'.35" N Long 169°.54'.30" W

Tuesday July 27th — Begins with calm pleasant weather, the ship lying close in to the Ice. at 8.30 A.M saw Polar whales, went in chase of them, did not strike. at noon light wind from the S & E. we stood through a strip of Ice and got some nearer the land. saw whales, lowered and chased without success. at ½ P.M lowered for more, I struck and killed a large cow. at 11 P.M took him to the ship, stood off from the Ice and got ready for cutting. saw 6 to 8 Whale to day So Ends. saw 6 Ships

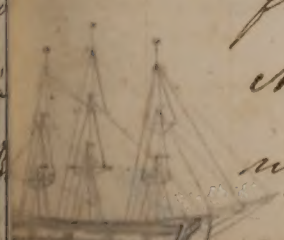
Lat 67°.04'.00" N 168°.55'.00" W

100 ● B P. Whale

Wednesday July 28th — Commences with light wind from the S & E and fine weather. we got ready and went to cutting. at 6 P.M finished. at 7 brisk breezes from E.S.E. at 8 thick fog. Spoke the Vesper of New London Captain Burch. (late Mans) had taken 2 whale and picked up 6 this season. The Element of New London Captain Lane, came down and spoke us, he had 6 Whale. The Middle part

131

×



Vesper
Element

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Stony wind and thick fog. 2 reeft the Topsails, Cleared up decks. and got ready for boiling. Saw, the General Williams take a whale. The latter part more moderate and very thick. went to boiling. Saw 3 or 4 whales and 6 Ships to day. So Ends

Lat 67. 14. 52 S

Thursday July 29th

This day begins with light wind from the Eastward and thick foggy weather; the Ship under easy sail standing off & on the Ice, imployed in boiling. at 6 A M fog lit up, saw a number of whales quite handy, got breakfast, and toward 8 Do for them. Mr Tompson struck one. at 9 took him to the Ship. the wind light & fog thick. at 10 went to cutting, at ½ P M finished. at 6 P M lit up some. saw 2 Ships and 6 to 8 Whales. So day So Ends. After I had written up for the day, the fog cleared off so we saw Polar whales close to the Ship. it was quite late, and the watch had been below for some time and they were very tired and sleepy, but I knew we could take care of a mother whale if we had him so I sent Mr Penny of and he struck one, at 11 P M took him to the Ship, and made him fast for the night, So winds up the day

110
W B
P. Whale

110
L B
P. Whale

Friday July 30th

Begins with light winds from the Eastward and Cloudy weather. The Ship lying with a whale alongside and boiling. At 6 Came in thick fog at 8 A.M hooked on to the whale at 3 P.M finished; the wind blowing quite strong from E.S.E. put the ship under 2 reefed main Topsail & foresail. Saw 4 Ships 1 Boiling. Saw 6 to 8 Polar whale. So Ends

+

Saturday July the 31

Commences with strong wind from the Eastward, and thick foggy weather. The Ship under 2 reefed main Topsail and Foresail, imployed in boiling. The Middle part light winds, and pleasant. all hands imployed in boiling, and stowing down Oil in the after hold. Saw 3 Ships and many California whale. Saw 2 we Called Polar whale. at 4 P.M finished stowing, put down 75 Bbls. The last part thick fog. So Ends

+

Lat 67.53.01 N Long 170.42.30 W

Sunday Aug the 1

All of these twenty four hours. calm foggy weather, imployed in boiling. Sheared whale blowing round the Ship called them California grays - So Ends

Monday Aug 2nd

The first and middle part of these twenty four hours, Calm and thick fogs, all imployed in boiling and stowing down Oil, Stowed 110 Bbls

+

The last part, fog lift up for a short time saw 3 Polar whale going South, steered for them Came in thick and the boat came back. Saw 8 Ships none boiling. Saw plenty of Sea Fowl

133

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Tuesday Aug. 3d

Begins with Calm foggy weather The Ship lying close in to the Ice, imployed in boiling, at ¼ 8 AM hit up saw a Polar whale close by, Steward 3 boats without success At 11.15 saw more among the scattering Ice sent Mr Penny off. he struck one and Killed him with the Iron, sent off 2 more boats. It came in very thick, but the whale did not run far, and we got him to the Ship without much trouble. It hit up and the Ship was close to the Ice and the Current setting her on to it very fast. so I dropped anchor in 28 fathoms water. Got dinner and stowed down 45 Bbls of Oil. At 6 went to Cutting, At 9.45 finished, the wind light from ESE and thick fog. saw a Bark Ship take a whale close by us when we were Cutting. saw 10 Ships to day, 1 of them boiling. saw 4 to 6 Polar whale. So Ends

110
L ● P
P. Whale

Wednesday Aug 4th

Commences with light wind from the Eastward, and thick foggy weather, the Ship lying to anchor, boiling. Stowed down 20 Bbls of Oil and a quantity of Bone in the after hold. At 2 AM hove up the Anchor. at ¼ 3 fine Clear weather saw 24 Ships. 4 of them boiling. Spoke the Jenedos of New London Captain Middleton 1 ½ Whale this season. At 6.30 lowered for Polar whale, came in thick fog. boats came onboard. While it was Clear, saw the land quite plane. saw 8 to 12 Polar whale So Ends

Jenedos

127

Whaleing in the Arctic Ocean Aug 1852

Thursday Aug 5th

Prudent

100 B B P. Whale

The first part of this day light wind and some fog. the ship lying close in to the Ice boiling. the middle part pleasant; lowerd several times for whale without success. at 2 P.M spoke the Prudent of Stonington, Captain Nash 9 Whale this season. at 5 P.M lowerd for whales. Mr Collins struck one. at 6,30 took him to the ship, at 8,30 Commenced Cutting at 12 finished. saw 20 to 30 Whale to day. saw 38 ships, 8 of them boiling, and 6 Cutting Whales.

The land in sight. to Ends

Lat 67.50.23 N Long 171.56.45 West

Friday Aug 6th

All of these twenty four-hours fine pleasant pleasant weather. all hands imployed in boiling, stowing down, and chaseing Whale. Mr Penney struck one, the first Iron broke the short warp parted, and the whale went off. at 8 P.M stopped stowing, put down 100 Bbls. Spoke the Moctezuma of New Bedford Captain Tower 13 Whale this Season. saw 20 to 25 Ships, and about the same number of Whale. Spoke the boats from the Niagara of Fairhaven Captain Clough 15 Whales, to Ends

Parted 1 0 0 B P. Whale

Moctezuma

Lat 67.33.49 North

Saturday Aug 7th 125

All of these twenty four-hours light baffling airs and calms; with some fog. all imployed in boiling and stowing Oil, and as chances offered Chased whale. we stowed 60 Bbls. Captain Terry from the Stephania of New Bedford Came onboard, he took in

Stephania

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

X whale to day, that was his Seventh this Season. Saw 20 to 25 Ships and 6 to 10 Whs So Ends the Ship Close in to the land

Lat 67.17.32 North

Sunday
Augt the 8th The first and middle part of this day, Calm hazy weather, the Ship close in with the land. Saw 2 Whale they Showed no chance to
X strike. at 2 PM finished boiling. The last part light airs from the Eastward the Ship heading to the North So Ends

Monday
Augt 9th The first and middle part light baffling airs and Calms. The latter part fine breezes from the Eastward and pleasant weather. All
Showed 110 Bbls imployed in Stowing Oil and chaseing Whale I went into one and Missed him Saw 3 Ships Cutting that took their whale
X yesterday. Saw Some 30 Ships Some boiling and Some Trying to get Something to boil we have tried hard all day without Success. Saw 10 to 15 Whale So Ends

Lat 67.41.52 N Long 171.57.30 W

Tuesday
Augt 10th Begins with brisk breezes from ESE
X and Cloudy weather, the Ship heading S and Topsails & Jib, at 7 PM wind veered to W NW. at 8 thick & raining Saw 2 Ships with whale Spoke one of them, the Monticello of Nantucket Captain Tabb 10 Whale. at 9 Strong gales, reefed the Topsails. The

Monticello
126
latter part more moderate, Steered for a whale with Success. So Ends light airs and thick fog

Cruising in the Arctic Ocean Aug 1852

Wednesday Aug 11th

Begins with light wind from the South and thick fog; the Ship heading to the westward at 6 A.M Strong wind and cloudy. Stood close into the Ice at 9 A.M and Steward for whales Mr Thompson struck and killed one with the Iron at 10, 30 took him to the Ship and got ready for cutting at 12 P.M hooked on at 5, 30 finished the wind light from the North West, made Sail and Stood to the S.W. The last part Squally and. 10 to 15 Ships, one got a whale. and 6 to 8 Whale to day So Ends

Lat 69° 33' 25" Long 172° 11' 00" West

100 W B P. Whale

Thursday Aug 12th

All of these twenty four hours light baffling airs and calms from the North, and thick fog the most of the time, Employed in boiling; the Ship lying close to the Ice and drifting with the current to the S & W and 6 to 8 Ships. no whale to day So Ends

Lat 69° 29' 00" North

Friday Aug 13th

The first part of this day light wind and thick weather, the Ship lying close in with the Ice. The Middle part Strong wind from S by E, the Ship heading to the N & E employed in Boiling; and 25 to 30 Ships. at 10 A.M Spoke the James Edward of New Bedford Captain Luce 1 Whale. at 11 Tacked Ship to S by E and reefed the Topsails. Strong winds & passing Clouds. at 3 P.M saw a Polar whale Steward for him without Luck. So. Ends Lat 69° 41' 54" N Long 172° 10' 45" W

James Edward 127

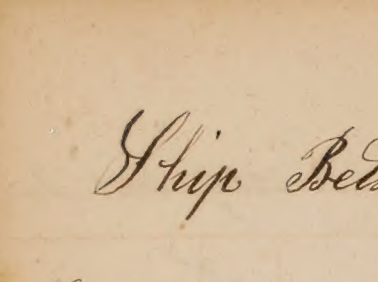
Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising for

Saturday Aug 14th

This day begins with strong breezes from the Eastward and cloudy weather, the Ship Standing off and on the Ice looking for whale. Employed boiling and cleared up around the works. The Middle & latter part light wind and hazy weather, the Ship heading to the N & East, all imployed in stowing Oil Stowed 8 55 Bbls. Saw 24 Ships and many California Grays. So Ends

Sunday Aug 15th

, Commences with light wind from the S & E, and hazy weather, worked the Ship in toward the land. The Middle part light airs and calms from the Eastward the Ship heading to the South. Saw 18 to 20 Ships, and Many California Grays, the water thick and muddy



Republic

At 2 P.M Spoke the Republic of Bremin Captain Austin 8 whales this season. The last part brisk breezes from W.W and hazy stood as close in to the land as the Ice would let us, which was about 3 miles and tacked to N.W. Saw no Polar whale So Ends Lat 69.21.00 N Long 172.06.15 W

Monday Aug 16th

The first part brisk winds from the westward, and thick weather, the Ship Standing off and on the Ice. Stowed 15 Bbls of Oil and a quantity of bone in the fore hold The Middle part strong gales from N the Ship heading E.S.E to N.E by E under 2 reefed Topsails & fore the weather thick & raing. The latter part more moderate and very thick So Ends

Tuesday Aug 17th This day begins with strong wind from the north and west, and thick weather the Ship heading to the WNW and N under double reefed Topsails. Spoke the Black Warrior of New London, Captain Bartlett 7 Whale At 9 P.M I made up my mind to go down to the Straits and take a look for whale having seen none about here for the last 8 days. Kept off to the S & E along the land and made sail, the middle part more pleasant, saw 2 Ships and many California gays at 8 P.M got close down to East Cape Came in thick fog, hauled the Ship by the wind heading NE, and shortened sail for the Night So Ends

Black Warrior

Lat 66.58.16 N Long 170.24.45.W

Wednesday Aug 18th Begins with strong gales from NW and thick weather, the Ship standing off and on the north part of East Cape, under double reefed Topsails. At 1 P.M Stood close in to the Cape and run round the to the west to make a lee. saw a bark Ship at anchor in the Straits, there was a bad sea. At 7 P.M Stood close in to the land to the north of St Laurance Bay and droped anchor in 10 Fathoms Water mud bottom. The wind blowing strong from NNW. saw California Grays and 8 Ships. So Ends. One year to day I left off the use of Tobacco in all its forms & hope to remane a Strayt Ife

My Dear Wife if living is thirty four years old to day. May God Spare her Many Years

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Thursday Aug 19th — The first part Strong gales from ENE and frequent snow Squals. The Middle and latter part more pleasant. Employed in cleaning bone, 20 to 25 Natives came onboard, they were much pleased to have the gum that we scraped from the bone, they ate it with a good relish. at 7 P.M we took over anchor and hove the Ship to under 2 reefed Main Topsail heading to the ENE, and 3 Ships. So Ends

Friday Aug 20th — Commences with Strong gales from ENE and squally weather, the Ship lying under 2 reefed Main Topsail heading to NNE. at 7 A.M Set double reefed fore and Mizen Topsails Jib and foresail, at 9 A.M Stood Close in to East Cape Kept off Ely's for the Aionneaux Islands, passed to the South of the two large ones, and hauled on the wind to the NNE, saw Humpbacks and California grays. The Coopers setting up Shooks. Saw 5 Ships. one boiling. So Ends

Lat 65.58.14 N Long 168.32.35 West

Saturday Aug the 21- — The first part of this day light winds from NW to WNW and cloudy weather the Ship heading NW to NE. calcuat 10 miles from the land, in 5 to 25 fathom water. The middle part Calm, all imployed in setting up Shooks. The last part light wind from the South steered NW. saw humpbacks. So Ends

Lat 65.58.53 N Long 169.02.45 W

130

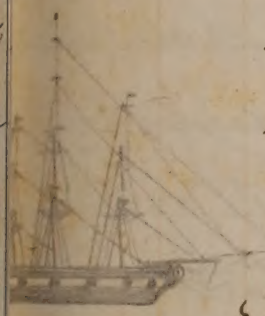
Sunday Aug 22 nd

Begins with light wind from the South and cloudy weather, steered NNW. The Middle part quite clear and many california grays. The latter part brisk breezes. At 1 PM began to see Ships ahead, and soon see that they were whaleing. At 6 got down to them and 2 Polar whale lowered & boats without success. At dark came onboard and 12 Ships, 2 boiling and 4 Cutting, So Ends

Lat 67.21.00 N Long 167.32.00 W

Monday Aug the 23d

Commences with brisk breezes from the South and cloudy weather, the Ship standing across the ground where we saw the whales. The wind Veered to the Eastward. At daylight Manned the mastheads and looked the ground over and nothing of the whale kind. Kept off NW saw nothing. At 9 AM steered NNW. The Middle part fine pleasant weather, the wind Ese E. At 4 PM Spoke the Nathaniel P Fallmadge of Cold Spring Captain Edwards, 6 Whale. The last part of this day brisk wind from NbyE the Ship heading NbyW. Saw 12 to 15 Ships going allways. So Ends



N P Fallmadge

Lat 68.30.00 N Long 167.10.00 W

Tuesday Aug 24th

This day begins with brisk breezes from NbyE and good weather, the Ship heading NbyW. At 5.30 AM came in thick fog. At Noon cleared for a short time and came thick again. At 4 PM cleared up saw a Ship to leward. At 5 tacked Ship close in to the Ice heading ESE Lat 71.10.00 N Long 166.25 W

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Wednesday Aug 25th. The first part of this day, had brisk breezes from E.N.E, and cloudy weather worked the Ship to windward. The middle part fine pleasant weather. The latter part, pleasant breezes from N.E. Stood Close in to Icy Cape, and Kept off S.W. and Nothing, the ground looked Very barren and discouraging. So Ends

Lat 70° 34' 23" N Long 164° 22' 15" W

Thursday Aug 26th Begins with brisk breezes from N.E. and clear weather. Steered S.W. The Middle part foggy, at 1,30 P.M passed close by Cape Lisburne and Steered S.W. The latter part strong winds and cloudy with some fog, Steered S.W by W & W.S.W, at 8 P.M. the water looking good, and some whale in sight too far off to tell what they was. I thought I should like to look the ground over by daylight so we took in sail for the Night and let the Ship come to heading to the N.W

Friday Aug 27th Commences with strong gales from N.E and cloudy weather, the Ship heading N.W, under double reefed Main Topsail and foresail. At midnight Veered Ship to E. At 6,30 Veered to N.W. The middle and latter part full as strong winds, and the weather cloudy. So Ends

Cruising in the Arctic Ocean August 1852

Saturday
Aug 28th

Citizen

Begins with strong wind from nor E and squally weather with some fog. The ship heading NW, at ½ past 4 AM more moderate, made sail. At 8 AM kept off NW. The middle part light wind and quite foggy. At 2 PM spoke the Citizen of New Bedford Captain Norton 11 Whales. and 4 or 5 Ships. The last part light wind and thick fog. So Ends

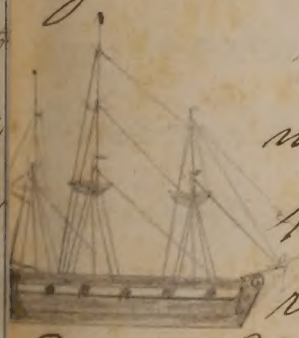
Lat 59.02.00 N Long 171.37.30 W

Sunday
Aug 29th

Commences with light wind from the nor E and thick fog. The middle part calm and foggy and 2 Whale Inward and Chased without succes. Latter part, weather the same and 5 Ships, one had a whale. and a Bark I called the Prudent of Stonington. So Ends

Monday
Aug 30th

All of these twenty four hours. Calm smooth weather, and clear the most of the time. I went onboard of the Prudent of Stonington and spent the day with captain Nash. At 8 PM returned. and 1 Whale a long distance off. and 25 Ships & Barking. So Ends



Prudent

Lat 68.50.00 N Long 17 West

Tuesday
Aug the 31

183

The first part of these twenty four hours Calm, and thick fog. The middle and latter part light wind from E to E, the Ship heading N E to N N W. the weather cloudy. and one whale going quick. Spoke the Hannibal of New London Captain Lester 1 Whale and 21 to 30 Ships. 2 bailing So Ends

Hannibal

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Wednesday Sept the 1 These twenty four hours begins with light winds from the Eastward and cloudy weather the Ship heading to the North. At 8.30 AM tacked to the South, the wind blowing brisk and very baffling. At 3.30 PM spoke the Letour Du Tin of Havre Captain Smith 9 Whale this season. At 6 PM strong winds took in the Mainsail, the jib stay parted and we took the jib in. at 6 double reefed the Topsails. And 20 to 25 Ships to day going all ways that the wind would let them one of them whaling. And no Whales. So Ends

Letour Du Tin

Thursday Sept the 2nd Begins with strong gales from the SE E and squally, the Ship heading to the S & W under close reefed main Topsail and foresail. 4 number of Ships in company. The middle part pleasant breezes from S to SW and fine weather. The Ship heading WbN WNW. all sail out, the land in sight. The latter part light airs and calms, At 5 PM got close to the Ice, and tacked to the S & E. Cape North not far off. And no Whale. And 5 Ships to Ends

Lat 69.16.02 N Long 177.19.00 W

Friday Sept the 3 Commences with light airs from the South the Ship heading E to ESE. At 4 PM brisk wind from SE the Ship heading ENE. At 10 PM squally split the jib and bent a new one. the wind hauled to the westward. Steered ESE. At 4 PM calm. At 8 light airs from SE the Ship heading EbS. Calms Lat 68.33.00 N

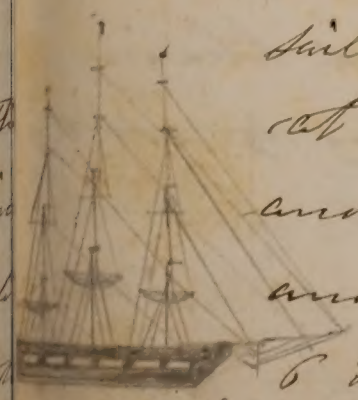
134

for Whale in the Arctic Ocean September 1852

Saturday Sept 4th — Commences with light winds from SSE, and hazy weather the Ship heading Ebys. At ½ P M light find from E the Ship heading SE. At 10 do do Stood Close into the land and tacked to N E at 2 P M brisk wind from SSE took in light Sails. At ½ P M reduced to double reefed Topsails. At 5.30 Came too under Close reefed Main Topsail heading E S E. the wind blowing heavy from South Saw one Ship and a number of Californie Grays So Ends Lat 67° 49.51 N Long 173° 49.00 W

Sunday Sept 5th — These twenty four hours begins with Strong gales from the S W and Clear weather, the Ship heading S E under Close reefed main Topsail. At ½ do do more moderate, made Sail. The middle of the day light baffling winds from the East the Ship heading to the North and East. The latter part brisk wind from E S E to S E. Steered N by E. At 6 P M thick fog, took in Sail and came too heading to the Eastward Saw 6 Ships 1 boiling. Saw many Californias Whale. So Ends Lat 67° 36.33 N Long 171° 05.30 W

Monday Sept 6th — Begins with brisk breezes from the Eastward and Cloudy weather, the Ship lying under Easy Sail heading to the N E. At ½ P M made Sail. At 10 P M Strong gales, Veered Ship to the South and Carried double reefed the Topsails. Saw 25 to 30 Ships and many Californias Grays 5 Ships boiling, at 6 P M Spoke the Nile of California Captain Webb 12 M Whale. the last part Were Moderate So Ends Lat 68° 20.22 N Long 169° 00.00 W



Nile
136

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Tuesday Sept 7th

Commences with brisk wind from E & Cloudy weather. at 4 AM made sail and headed to NNE. split flying Jib and bent a new one at 10 AM Steered for 2 whale without success at 1 PM steered for one did not strike at 3,30 PM Spoke the Phenix of New London Captain Brewster; Head taken & & picked up 8 whale. the last part light airs, and hazy weather. and 20 to 30 Ships 2 boiling & Ends

Lat 68.23. W & Long 169.06.45 W

Phoenix

Wednesday Sept 8th

Commences with light airs from the East and thick fog. at 8.30 AM light airs from the N & W steered E by S and E&E. The latter part strong wind and very thick fog. and one Ship. at 6 PM took in sail and came to heading N. the water thick and muddy. & Ends

Thursday Sept 9th

This day begins with strong wind from NW and thick fog, the Ship lying under short sail. at 5.30 AM hit up some sun 11 to 20 Polar whale close by the Ship. steered 8 boats and Mr Thompson struck one he sounded and run quick under water and took the line. the wind blowing strong and very rugged with fog. Squals We lost sight of the whale. The boats from the Phoenix of New London, darted at him & missed but the Iron hooked up the line. he ran quick to the windward and they were obliged to cut the line leaving about 2/3 of

Took the Line W O B P. Whale

156

in the Arctic Ocean for Whale Sept 1852

we continued to chase whales at times through the day without success. saw a Ship to windward boiling and take a whale; I called it the Alliance Mandal of New Bedford. at 6 P.M Captain Brooks set his signal and hailed his Main yard aback I went down to him and got the line; We thought the Ship that was cutting had the whale that we struck. The Nile of Sanfrancisco California came down and spoke us. he parted from one yesterday. we saw 40 to 50 whales to day and 6 to 10 Ships. So Ends the wind Strong from N, the weather Cloud, the sea ruff and the Ship under double reefed Topsails. Standing Races the ground

Lat 67.51.32 N Long 168.43.15 W

Friday
Sept 10th

This day begins with Strong winds from E and Cloudy weather, the Ship under double reefed Topsails; Standing Races the ground. The Middle part more pleasant, but blowing Strong and very rugged. at 11 A.M spoke the Gen Williams of New London Captain Forsyth 8 Polar & one Right whale the season. The latter part, Strong gales, took in fore & mizzen Topsails. saw 1 Polar whale, and 10 to 15 Ships So Ends

Gen Williams

Lat 67.50.00 N Long 168.21.00 W

Saturday
Sept 11th

Begins with Strong Gales from E and clear weather. the Ship heading NW under double reefed main Topsail and foresail. at 6 A.M More moderate set reefed Topsails and fl. at 8 lowered 3 Boats for Polar whales. at

160
S B
P. Whale
157

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

11 leward the fourth boat. I struck a large whale and he took my line, I looked for him some time but could not see him. I went to the ship to coil a new line, & left 3 Boats in Chase of whale; their being the gratest number in sight that we had seen this season. I got a line coiled, and at 5 P M saw a whale to leward of the ship I leward for him the other boats came to me and Mr Penny struck him and it proved to be the whale that had my line. it came in very thick fog, but the whale did not run fast and we soon killed him & got him to the ship at dark. we made him fast for the night & took in sail. While we were chasing whales we spoke the boats from the Europa of New Bedford with 12 whales. she took an other to day. Saw a hundred whales and 10 to 11 Ships. 2 got whale. So Ends with strong winds from N and thick fog. No observation

Sunday
Sept 12th begins with brisk winds from N and thick fog at 4 A M more moderate called all hands to get ready for cutting. at 6 Hooked on, and in taking in the throat we parted the fall, which detained us some time, at 2300 P M finished and Made Sail. the fog lift up, saw 29 Ships 6 of them boiling and one Cutting. The winds light from N and 2 Polar whale So Ends

for Whale in the Arctic Ocean Sept 1852

Monday Sept 13th — These twenty four hours begins with light wind from N and cloudy weather; the ship working to windward. all imployed in boiling. The Middle part brisk wind and clear, saw a good many ships going all wais. The latter part wind and weather much the same. saw a number of ships a head cutting & Whaleing. we got there to late to whale, & have to wate for morning. The whale go in Vanes or Streaks, and a ship may be a few Miles from a Shoal of them & not see a whale in the hull day. we saw the Emerald of Sagharbor take one alongside. So Ends

Lat 69°.48'.53 N Long 170.02.00 W

Tuesday Sept 14th — Begins with light wind from the North and good weather; the watches imployed in boiling. At 6.30 AM lowerd 2 Boats for whales, and chased a number without Succes, at 8 2 lowerd and struck one he went down very quick and was like to take all my line, I held on hard and the Iron tore out, we continued to chase whale until 10 AM without succes we then came to the ship and got dinner and went off and chased till Sunset, with no better Succes. Spoke the Boats from the Maringo, she had 8 Whale and 18 to 20 Ships, 6 to 8 Boiling and one got a whale - and say from 30 to 50 Whale. The last part light airs - and pleasant So Ends

Iron came out S O B S. Whale

Lat 68.07.43 N Long 170.48.15 W

139

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Bruseing

Wednesday Sept 15th commences with light baffling airs and Calms, the watches imployed in boiling. at 3 P.M light wind from the S & W. at 6 P.M finished bailing, and commenced braking out to stow down Bbl in the fore hold the Middle & latter part fine weather. saw 50 Ships & got whales, and a good many of them Boiling. we saw several whale but they were all going quick and very shy, so many Ships chaseing them. we could not work to advantage. the Ship haveing a bad heele we could not go on but one tack. 3 lowards once without success. I spoke the boat from the waverly of New Bedford she had 6 Whale. I saw her take one soon after. at 4 P.M finished stowing pout down 130 Bbls. and, beps 20 Bbls on deck, not cold Enough to stow. at 7 shortened sail for the Night so Ends.

Lat 68.16.32 S

Thursday Sept 16th commences with light wind from the South at 6 P.M light airs from the North, saw Polar whales. lowerd 3 Boats and chased till 9 P.M without success. at 10 lowerd for mine, mr Penny struck one. at 12, 30 P.M took him to the Ship. at 2,15 P.M hooked on at 5,15 finished Cleaned up decks and went to boiling, the wind light from N and Cloudy weather. saw 10 to 15 Whale, and 30 to 40 Ships, a number of them boiling and one took a Whale, So Ends.

No 110 L B P. Whale

No Observation

for Whale in the Arctic Ocean September 1852

Friday Sept 17th — Begins with light airs from the North and thick weather, the Ship heading to the East imployed in boiling, at 6 A.M more pleasant the wind from the westward, the Ship heading to the North, we Stowed 25 bbls of Oil and some bone in the fore hold. In the latter part of the day we saw a number of Polar whale & lowerd for them Mr Collins struck one, and the line parted, and he went off. Saw 50 Ships or more, some 12 to 15 of them got whales, and a good many were boiling. At dark saw a whale close to the Ship, lowerd 2 boats but saw nothing more of him. Saw a Ship with Colours flying alow & aloft, think she was cutting her last whale, took her to be the Ocean of Providence. So Ends

Parted P O P P. Whale

Saturday Sept 18th — The first part of this day light wind from the Westward and cloudy weather. The Watch imployed in boiling. The Middle part light baffling wind and thick fog. The latter part brisk breezes from the S & E and cloudy Saw a Polar whale, lowerd 3 boats and Chased without success. Saw 40 to 50 Ships, a good many boiling. At dark reefed the Topsails — So Ends

X

Sunday Sept 19th — The first & middle part brisk breezes from the South and fine weather. All imployed in Stowing Oil Saw 4 Polar whale, Chased without success. Saw 40 to 50 Ships 5 or 6 got whale. At 4 P.M finished Stowing. Stowed 110 Bbls. the last part Strong wind & Cloudy So Ends Lat 68° 20' 34" N Long 168° 34' 15" W

+ 141

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Bruseing

Monday Sept 20th — These twenty four hours begins with brisk breezes from the South, the Ship heading to the Eastward. The middle part light baffling winds from the North steered to the South & West. employed in Cleaning bore and setting up Shrouds. The last part light wind from N.W. the Ship heading W. Saw a good many Ships. Saw 5 or 6 Californie-grays. no Polar Whale. So Ends Lat 68°.21.13 S Long 167°.46'.45 W

Tuesday Sept the 21- — Commences with brisk breezes from N.W and thick weather, the Ship heading W. The middle part light wind from the S & E -and pleasant, the Ship heading to the S.W. The latter part brisk breezes from the S & E the Ship heading to the Eastward, Saw 20 to 25 Ships one Cutting. Saw many California grays but no Polar whale. So Ends Lat 68°.21.50 S Long 169°.42.45 W

Wednesday Sept 22nd — Begins with strong winds from N.N.E, the Ship heading to the East under double reefed Topsails. At 5.30 P.M Veered Ship to N.W. the wind blowing strong from N.N.E. all sail in but a2 reefed Main Topsail. At 8 set foresail at 9 close reefed the main Topsail. At noon took in the foresail and set close reefed fore topsail. at 2 P.M Veered Ship to E. At 6 took in fore, topsail,, Heavy Gales and a bad sea going. the weather thick and dirty Saw 12 Ships So Ends

142

for Whale in the Arctic Ocean September 1852

Thursday Sept the 23d — Begins with heavy gales from N.E. The Ship heading E under close reefed main topsail and fore topmast Staysail. a heavy sea going. the weather thick and wet. at 8 P.M veered Ship to N.W. at 11 Set main Spencer. The latter part. the wind N.E. and blew heavy with Squalls of snow. 9 Ships. So Ends

Friday Sept 24th — Commences with heavy gales from the North and a heavy sea on, the weather thick and Squally. The Ship lying under close reefed main topsail and main Spencer, heading to the N.W. at 8 P.M veered Ship to the N.E. at 6 P.M Veered to N.N.W and 3 Ships to leeward So Ends

Saturday Sept 25th — This day begins with heavy gales from N and thick weather, with snow Squalls. the Ship heading W.N.W. under close reefed main topsail main Spencer and fore topmast Staysail. at 6 A.M Saw the land off the leeward bearing S.W. and close by. Sounded and the Ship was, in 7½ fathoms and a very heavy sea going We veered Ship to N.E by E and Set close reefed fore topsail and reefed foresail. Saw a Ship to leeward heading in for the land and Soon lost Sight of him it being a thick Snow Storm at the time. I thought the land to be Cape Serdze Commen. at 1 P.M More Moderate Set one reef out Main topsail, and Set Small foresail. at 2 P.M 16 fathoms water, Veered Ship to N.N.W, at 5.30 P.M veered to N.by E in 11 fathoms water the weather thick So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Sunday Sept 26th — Begins with strong wind and thick weather the Ship heading to the N & E. At 5 D.M. light airs, Veered Ship to N.N.W; the Ship in 10 fathoms water. The middle & latter part very thick weather, and light wind fm N & the Ship heading N.N.W, and in deep water. And 3 Bundles of Cask Shooks, and the fore part of a whale boat. I thought the land we saw yesterday was on the W side of the Straits, but by the Soundings to day and the Colour of the water has Convinced me that we are on the East side

I hope the weather will soon clear up so we can get some Observations and finde what our position is

Monday Sept 27th — Begins with brisk breezes from N.E and Cloudy weather; the Ship heading N.N.W. At 1 P.M Veered Ship to N.N.E, the wind N and blowing heavy. Close reeped the Topsails. At 7 P.M Kept off N.E. I wanted to See the land that I saw on the morning of the 25th. At 8 raised it, Stood close in to it & found it was an Island lying off the mouth of the river Kulinchin, Situated in 67°.38 N Latitude and 175°.20 00 West Longitude We Hauled on the wind heading N.E by E & E.N.E Set Reefed Mainsail & jib. Saw 3 Ships to Leeward between us and the land. At dark Tow'd in Mainsail and jib, the wind blowing heavy and a heavy Sea going. At 10.30 the Starboard anch got clear down the Cat head, shortened sail & settled it. So End

147

for Whale in the Arctic Ocean September 1852

Tuesday Sept 28th — This day begins with heavy gales from N Stb'd W the Ship heading to N E & E & E under close reefed Topsails and reefed Foresail. At day light Saw the land to the leward, the weather squally with snow at 7,30 A M Set bull foresail, reefed Mainsail and jib. At Noon got past the point of land, and Steered E in company with an other Ship. Saw 2 more and left them behind. At 3 P M took in Mainsail and jib and Mizzen Topsail. At dark past Cape Serdze Comen. and Steered E & E. Strong gales from N to N W and Cloudy to Ends

Wednesday Sept 29th — Commences with heavy Gales from N W and cloudy weather, the Ship lying under close reefed fore & main Topsails heading N E. At 6.30 A M the land in Sight, we Kept off to the South for the Straits in Company with an other Ship. At Noon passed through between East Cape and the Diomedes Islands. The latter part of the day had brisk breezes and cloudy weather, but the sea was quite smooth which made it quite Comfortable Compared with the gales of wind and rough sea, we have had for the last 8 days. I can truly say I am glad and thankful to get out of the Arctic, for it is getting late in the season and the weather coming cold and rugged. The ships are comeing out fast, I came through the Straits to day in Sight of 10. There is no ice in the Arctic, but I think it would be tempting Providence to stay longer. So Ends Steering S by W

145

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington, from

Thursday Sept 30th — Begins with brisk wind from the North and cloudy weather, steered Sby W at 6 A.M steered S at 11 A.M passed the west End of St Lawrance Island. the Coopper setting up Shocks, saw 6 Ships. the latter part heavy gales from NNE and thick cloudy weather with some snow. at 7 P.M the Ship under double reefed Main and close reefed Foretopsail and Foresail, a heavy Sea going. So Ends —

A View of the North west part of St

Lawrence Island bearing SE 15 Miles off —

Friday Oct the 1- — Commences with heavy gales from NNE and thick Cloudy. Steered S under foresail, 2 reefed main and Close reefed fore Topsails. At 8 A.M, the fort rope to the present parted near the clew and tore the sail the hull length of the leech rope, clued it up and furled it. The middle part more moderate, Steered SbyE and SSE. The latter part more moderate, the Sea growing smooth fast, the weather thick and wet — So Ends

Saturday Oct the 2nd — Commences with Strong Winds from NNE and thick wet weather, we steered SEbyE. the Middle part More Moderate and more pleasant. bent a new Foresail. At 8,30 A.M Spoke the Splendid of Coldspring, Captain Smith, 2500 Bbls She latter part Strong wind from NW & cloudy. So

Splendid

Ends — 146 Lat 57°.51.33 S Long 174°.16.45 W

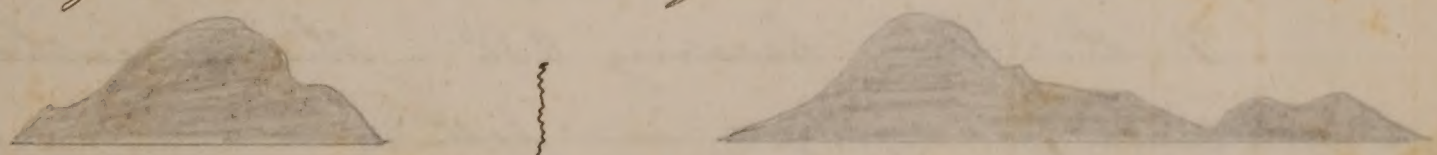
Sunday Oct 3d — Begins with brisk wind from N.W and passing clouds. Steered S.E by S in Company with the Splendid. The middle part wind W.N.W. At 2.30 P.M I went onboard of the Splendid and spent the afternoon with Capain Smith and Lady. At 6.30 I returned and Stood on to the S.E by S. Saw a Ship to Leeward to Ends

Lat 54.51.31 N Long 173.27.15 West

Monday Oct 4th — Commences with brisk breezes from W.S.W and passing clouds. Steered S.E by S, in company with the Splendid. At 6 P.M Made Segnam Island, bearing S.E. the weather rather squaly at the time, and the wind strong from S by W the Ship heading S.E by E. The Middle & latter part light baffling wind and pleasant. Passed to the East of the Island above named and Stood into the broad Pacific. Unbent the Chain - and filled 8 cask of water to trim Ship. Saw 2 Ships bound South to Ends

Lat 52.06.22 N Long 171.38.45 West

Segnam Island bearing S.W.C 20 miles



Tchegoumla E by S per 35 miles | Amonkita E by S 30 Miles

Tuesday Oct 5th — The first part light wind from the westward & fine weather. Steered S.E by E in Company with the Splendid The middle and latter part brisk breezes & spent the day with Captain Smith we dined boath and set up Watches to Ends

Lat 50.50.28 N Long 178.51.30 West

147

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Wednesday Oct 6th — Begins with light wind from the westward and fine weather. Steered S by E. The Middle part light baffling wind from the S & E all hands employed in stowing water in the after hold to trim Ship, stowed 16 cask. The latter part brisk wind from the Eastward the Ship heading to the South and East. At 5 30 PM took in flying Jib, fore and mizzen Topgallant sails, the Splendid in sight. So Ends. the weather cloudy and looks like a storm

Thursday Oct 7th — Commences with Strong wind from the Eastward, and cloudy weather the Ship heading to the South & East. The Middle part heavy gales from NE. Steered SE to SE under close reefed Topsails and reefed Fresail. The latter part light winds from the South and East and thick fog. The Ship heading to the South and west. So Ends

Friday Oct 8th — The first part of these twenty four hours brisk winds from the South and East and thick weather the Ship heading to the South and west. The middle and latter part Strong winds from S the Ship heading ESE. the weather quite clear; employed in getting a new fore topgallant yard, the Old one broke & sent down. So Ends Lat 36.29.45 N Long 167.57.30 W

Saturday Oct 9th — Begins with Strong wind from S and squally the Ship heading ESE under Topsails Jib and Courses. at 5 PM 2 reefed Topsails Jib & main sail

148

at 10 PM close reefed Topsail, the wind blowing heavy, and passing clouds. The latter part the wind hauled to NW Steered S Eby E. 24 Knots

Lat 45.12.00 N

Sunday
Oct 10th Begins with heavy Gales from NW to W by W and squally, the Ship heading S by E under close reefed Main Topsail and reefed Foresail, a very heavy Sea going. At 6 AM Set close reefed fore Topsail, the wind SW. At 11 let reef out of the Foresail, at 1.30 PM let one out of the Main Topsail, at 2 Set close reefed Mizzen Topsail The wind WSW and more moderate the weather quite clear. At 4.30 PM Set Jib. 24 Knots

Lat 43.41.03 N Long 163.38.30 W

Monday
Oct 11th Commences with strong Gales from W to WSW and squally, Steered S by E. The Middle part more moderate, fothid a reef fore Topgallant Yard sent it up and bent the Sail. The latter part more moderate, all Sail Set, employed in getting bone out of the Lower hold to clean Saw Porpoises 24 Knots

Lat 41.08.00 N Long 161.08.30 West

Tuesday
Oct 12th All of these twenty four hours fine breezes from W to WSW and good weather Steered S Eby E, employed in cleaning bone. Saw a Ship Steering to the Eastward. 24 Knots

Lat 38.36.00 N Long 159.15.30 W

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Wednesday Oct 13th — The first part of this day light wind from N W and pasing clouds. Steered S E by E. The middle and latter part brisk wind from N W by W and fine weather imployed in cleaning and drying bone and nothing to Ends

Lat 36.. 28.. 00 N Long 156.. 52.. 15 West

Thursday Oct 14th — All of these twenty four hours brisk winds from N W by W to N W W, and pasing clouds. Steered S E by S to S S E, imployed in cleaning bone. Sand, Nothing, to Ends.

Lat 33.. 54.. 44.. N Long 155.. 36.. 15 West

Friday Oct 15th — All of this day brisk breezes from N by W to N and good weather steered S E. all hands imployed in washing and drying bone, and getting rigging &c. sent down the cutting tackels, and got ready to wash ship to morrow. Sand Nothing. to Ends

Lat 30.. 45.. 46 N Long 155.. 18.. 15 W

Saturday Oct 15th — All of these twenty four hours light winds from N by W and pleasant weather, Steered S by E. all imployed in washing ship inside and Nothing. to Ends

Lat 28.. 37.. 39 N Long 155.. 07.. 00 W

Sunday Oct 17th — All of this day light winds from the N & E and fine pleasant weather. Steered S by E. Saw Nothing. to Ends

Lat 27.. 30.. 47 N Long 155.. 05.. 15 W

150

Monday Oct 18th — The first and middle part, light & baffling winds from NW & to ESE and pleasant weather, steered S by E. all hands employed in washing Ship outside. The last part brisk breezes from E by S and nothing. So Ends.

Lat 25° 46' 56" N Long 155° 26' 30" W

Tuesday Oct 19th — Begins with light baffling wind from NW & to ESE, the Ship heading S by E. The Middle part light wind from E by S to ESE. all employed in various Ships duty. Saw a Barke Ship bound South. at 6 PM Steered S So Ends —

Lat 23° 28' 14 N Long 155° 38' 30 W

Wednesday Oct 20th — Begins with Strong wind from E. Steered S. by W. at 5 PM made the land ahead. at 5 called all hands and washed a lot of bone. Past a Ship, the Woboonok of Falmouth, steering for Novahoo. at 10 PM we got in sight of the Shipping at the port of Lahaina, we stood over to Ranai to take the westerly wind, we got becalmed and the sea hove the Ship close in to the reef, we droped anchor to hold her till a breeze came. the Squalls blowing brisk in the pass. we run the Cedy out with a whale line attached to it, to help hold her off when we took the anchor. The breeze soon struck in from the East, and we got under way and stood off. Parted the whale line and lost the cedy. The wind light and baffling got part the way over to the Anchorage and it left us in a perfect calm So Ends

Ships Betsey Williams of Stonington cat

Thursday Oct the 21 After writeing down the days proceedings last Evening the wind Sprang up from the westward and we stood in to the harbor and came to anchor found 28 Ships in port. cat 8 Att 3 landed and sent off Potatoes fresh meat &c. I got a good supply of letters from home informing me that My family was well for which I feeal to thank My god. A number of Ships came in.

Friday Oct 22 nd All of these twenty four hours fine pleasant weather. One watch onshore on liberty, the other imployed in various duty got a supt of water cask ashoar. a number of Ships came in So Ends

Saturday Oct 23 This day begins and ends with fine pleasant weather. One watch on liberty the other imployed in various duty several Ships came in. Captain Nash Landed from the Prudent of Stonington had taken 10 Whales this Season he got some fresh and started for Woahoo his ship leaking bad. will fix reped and go on other Season — — — — — —

Sunday Oct 24 th All of these twenty four hours fine pleasant weather. a number of Ships came in I wrote some letters. So Ends

157

Monday Oct 25th All of these twenty four hours fine pleasant weather Got off a head of water and 21 Bbls Irish potatoes. One watch on liberty. The Natchez of Newbedford came in and reported seeing the Bellones a short time ago with 300 Bbls this season. he said the Cavalier in July with 3 Whale. when I landed this ~~Season~~ morning I heared that one of my men went to the consuls Saturday and presented him with a paper a complaint against Myself or some of My Of My Officers, the consul turned him out of his Office, and would have Nothing to do with him. I have heared nothing from any of the men, Concerning it. At dark the liberty men came off & stayed behind. So Ends —

Tuesday Oct 26th All of these twenty four hours fine pleasant weather, one watch on liberty the other imployed in Various duty. at dark allhands onboard, Some ships came in and some went out So Ends the day

Wednesday Oct 27th All of these twenty four hours fine pleasant weather. One watch on liberty, the rest on board. in the morning I sent the Cook was not onboard I went onshore and found him in Cape Keeping in the fort one ship came in and one went out So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Thursday Oct 28th — All of these twenty four hours fine pleasant weather, one watch on liberty the other employed in drying and smoking Beef 2 Ships came in and 3 went out

Friday Oct 29th — The first and middle part fine pleasant weather, 3 discharged Manuel Rico in the Vesspittle, and Shipped an other boatsteerer in his place, at 2 P.M. got the Ship under way, at dark 3 came onboard and Started for Honolulu in Company with the Bengal & Blackhawk of New London Ds Ends

Saturday Oct 30th — All of these twenty four hours light baffling airs and calms, the Ship lying in the passage between Mowee & Oahoo. I got up this morning with a very high fever and have been very sick through the day. Several Ships in Company. Ds Ends

Sunday Oct 31st — All of this day light baffling airs and calms Several vessels in Company with health absent the same as yesterday Ds Ends

Monday Nov 1st — Thes 24 hours commence with Light baffling winds & Pleasant weather & ends about the same. At 12 Meridian Sotchia the E. end of the Island of Oahu with light airs from the S & W working along the land towards Honolu

1554

Tuesday
Nov 2nd — Begins with light wind the S & W the Ship working up for Honolulu at 8 A M 8 boxes and concluded to leave the bone here & went the boat of and stayed myself in hopes to get better

Wednesday
Nov 3 — This day the wind light and baffling the Ship stood in to the anchorage and came too in order to get the bone ready to land. Myself very sick

Thursday
Nov 4th — All of this day fine pleasant weather all hands imployed in drying & bunching bone & Ends

Friday
Nov 5th — All of these twentyfour hours fine pleasant weather all hands imployed in drying and bunching bone. The Cook very sick lying quite speachless. took him onboar and discharged him in the Hospittle. Myself Very sick to day & Ends

Saturday
Nov 6th — Begins with fine pleasant weather I arose much better than I was. I sent a boat off to the Ship and the bone soon came in, we put it in a store to be shipped home. I closed up my business and got ready to start & Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Sunday Nov 5th — Begins with light airs from the N & W at 8 AM hove the anchor and stood out. hove up an other anchr. on ower chain that had been lost for many years by the look of it it would weigh about 5 to 6 hundred pounds at 11 AM 3 Came off and stood out to Sea .. the latter part light baffling airs and calms . So Ends

Monday Nov 8th — Commences with Calm pleasant weather The middle part light baffling winds the Ship heading to the S & W. The latter part baffling winds from the S & E the Ship heading to the S & W at 6 PM wind N.W and rainy steered S Ely S saw one Ship So Ends

Lat 20.18.13 N Long 18.38.10

Tuesday Nov 9th — The first part light wind from the Westward and thick rainy weather steered S.E. The middle part light baffling winds from the Eastward and more pleasant. The latter part light air from the S & E the Ship to the South So Ends Lat 18.03.00 N

Wednesday Nov 10th — Commences with baffling winds from the N & E with heavy thunder sharp lightning and powerful rain. Steered S.E. The Middle & latter part brisk Wind from E the Ship heading S.E. So Ends Lat 17.22.55 N Long 17.54.30 W

156

Thursday Nov 11th — All of these twenty four hours Strong wind from the Eastward and Squally weather with heavy rain the Ship heading to the S & E saw Nothing So Ends

Friday Nov 12th — The first and middle part Strong wind from to E x E, the Ship heading SE to SE. The latter part more moderate So Ends

Lat 12.42.13 N Long 156.42.30 W

Saturday Nov 13th — All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from E to E x E and some Squally, the Ship heading to the S & E, saw Nothing So Ends

Latt 10.25.28 N Long 155.45.00 W

Sunday Nov 14th — The first part Strong wind from E to E x E the Ship heading SE to SE, the weather Squally. The Middle part light wind from E S E to S E the Ship heading S to S W. at P M had a heavy Squal Split Maintop gallantsail call the peases got sail in and came to under close reefed Main Topsail. at 4 set foresail. at 6 light winds Made Sail So Ends

Lat 8.30.00 N

Monday Nov 15th — The first & middle part of this day light wind from S E and quite pleasant weather the Ship heading S W. the people imployed in mending main Topgallantsail. the last part, wind light from E S E ship heading S. sent T.G. sail Lat 7.25.33 N Long 155.55.45 W

157

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Tuesday Nov 16th — The first & middle part pleasant breezes from E S E to S E the Ship heading S to S S W the latter part light & baffling wind and some rain steered S W saw Nothing to Ends

Lat 5.24.48 N Long 155.41.45 W

Wednesday Nov 17th — The first and middle part baffling wind from all quarters and very heavy rain worked the Ship to the South. the latter part brisk breezes from the N & E and fine pleasant steered S S E saw a bank (Whales) bound South. saw Porpoises, Dolphin and a number of boobies. So Ends

Thursday Nov 18th — The first part brisk wind from the Eastward and squally, with rain, steered S E. the Middle part brisk breezes from S E to S S E and pleasant weather, the Ship heading S W to S S W. the watches employed in mending foresail. the latter part wind and weather much the same at 3.30 P M made Christmas or Noel Island a head, could not fetch to windward of it kept off and passed to the west of it in Company with an other Ship. saw many birds. So Ends

Lat 2.17.52 N Long 157.12.15 W

Friday Nov 19th — The first and middle part brisk breezes from the S & E and good weather the Ship heading to the S & W. bent an old foresail. the latter part light wind Lat 1.02.00 S Long 159.01.30 W

158

the Sandwich Islands bound South Nov 1852

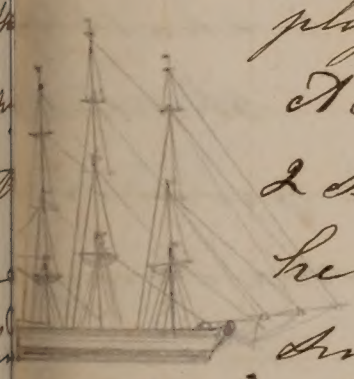
Saturday Nov 20th — The first part of these twenty four hours light airs and calms from the Eastward the Ship heading to the south the middle and latter part light winds from E by S; Steered S E by S, employed mending an old fore topsail, at 6 P M bent it Saw nothing Sc Ends

Lat 00° 13' 33" N Long 155° 15' 00" W

Sunday Nov the 21 — All of these twenty four hours pleasant breezes from E to E by S and fine weather the Ship heading S E by S to S S E; Saw Nothing. Sc Ends

Lat 1° 55' 00 South Long 158° 31' 30 West

Monday Nov 22nd — Begins with fine breezes from E and pleasant weather the Ship heading S S E The Middle part the same, the watch employed in mending a topsail. Lat 11' 15



Harison

At 6 Spoke the Ship Harison of New Bedford 2 Seasons out 1300 Bbls Captain Nathaway he was boiling Sperm blubber, he took 2 small whale the day before Yesterday. he lost his 4th Mate by death This morning The latter part wind and weather the same Sc Ends

Lat 4° 13' 19 South Long 157° 50' 45 W

Tuesday Nov 23 — Begins with light wind from the Eastward and pleasant weather the Ship going S E. The Middle part light wind from S E. the watches employed in Mending a Topsail at 4 P M bent it to the Main. I thought

159

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

afternoon that I would get out some of My things that I brought to trade with, as I expected soon to want some at Rotatong. I took out a Case of Prints, with 2200 Yds and found to astonishment and suprise that the water had got to it and every piece was wet on one end. the Box stood so the ends of the pieces was down and by that means they all got wet. If the Box had been the other way there would not more than 4 pieces been damaged. I felt truly heart Sick. I took it out and dryed it as fast as possible. I had been in hopes to make a good prospect on the prints. but My hopes are blasted in that respect and I think under preasant circumstances I shall be lucky to get the first cost. The latter part of the day light wind from ENE Saw Nothing. Mr Penny had some things damaged by the Water getting to them. So Ends

Lat S. 19. 43 & Long 157. 42. 00 W

Wednesday
Nov 24th Commences with light wind from the NNE and good weather, Steered SSE. at 3.30 rainy. The Middle and latter part the wind N & pleasant all imployed in Ships duty. Saw Nothing. So Ends

160

Lat S. 27. 37 & Long 157. 19. 00 W

the Sandwich Islands bound South Nov 1852

Thursday Nov 25th — All of these twenty four hours light wind from the North and showery Steered S.E. and many birds So Ends

Friday Nov 26th — All of these twenty four hours light wind and baffling from N to W & wet weather. worked the ship to the south and Nothing. So Ends

Saturday Nov 27th — The first part of this day light airs & Calms from the South. the middle part light wind from the N & E Steered S by E all imployed in Various duties I imployed myself Makeing a Potato pen under the house aft. The latter part baffling winds from the North. Steered Sby W. So Ends

Lat 14.10. 14 S Long 156.18.00 West

Sunday Nov 28th — All of these twenty four hours baffling wind and calms Steered to the South had frequent Showers of rain. So Ends

Lat 15.14.35 S Long 156.21.45 W

Monday Nov 29 — The first part calm. The Middle part light wind from the N Steered Sby W at 2 P M saw a large Sperm Whale at 3 sent 3 Boats after him got Close on to him he saw the boat and settled and they could not strike him at dark came onboard & Steerd on SW So Ends Lat 15.56.35 S Long 156.49.00 W

161

Ships Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Tuesday Nov the 30th — The first part light wind from the North steered SW. The middle part light wind from W to WSW and imployed in mending Mizzen Topsail The latter part light baffling airs and Calms. Saw Nothing to Ends

Lat 17°. 28'. 1/4 S Long 153°. 36'. 15" W

Wednesday Dec the 1st — All of these twenty four hours light Wind from the Westward the Weather quite good. the Ship heading South all imployed in Various Ships duty Saw Nothing to Ends

Lat 18°. 41'. 28 S Long 154°. 33'. 30" W

Thursday Dec the 2nd — This day begins with brisk breezes from WbyS to WSW, and good weather the Ship heading S to SbyW. At daylight Saw Tayo's Island to Leaward, and Watea to Windward The middle of the day wind light and baffling, worked the Ship up for Watea at 4 PM Stood close in to the Island and 2 of the Natives came off to the Ship, they said, their was plenty of Potatoes and other recruits onshoar and wanted Me to land. I went in with my boat and found it Very bad landing, the Sea breaking very heavy on the Coral bound shore that Surrounds the Island, I however landed safe and started for the town which was about 2½ miles off, being on the west side & we landed one the East

side of the Island. For the first mile and a half we found the surface of the Island very much broken and uneven being a coral formation and haveing the appearance of being thrown up by Volcanic action, At the Distance of one mile and a half from the Sea we had attained an elevation of 5 or 6 hundred feet above its level, and came to a Soil that was rich and fertile, and one would think it capeable of Producing any, and every thing they had a mind to cultivate. The Island is well wooded on all parts.

When we got to town we found the whole population in motion, and I can truly say their was the most Children (in proportion to the grow people) that I ever saw, One would think if they did not Know it was out of the course of nature that they grewed Spontaneously!!!

After being introduced to the two Kings and a number of Chiefs, I made inquiries about getting recruits they told me they would have plenty to morrow, and said, on the West side of the Island and close by the town there was a good landing and I could get off every thing I wanted with dispatch Ease and safety. It was now getting late and could get nothing before tomorrow I Concluded to stay and see what could be

done them. I retraced my Steps to my boat and ranne, to My Ship early in the Evening accompanyed by one of the Chiefs and 2 of the Commonality to Spend the Night with Me. The natives are a hardy and quite good looking people and I should think friendly to Strangers

Mr Reid an English Missionary from Whytootacke Island Visits them quite often and a native preacher is in constant attendence ——

So Ends this day

Lat 20°.06.40 S Long 178°.01°.00 W

Watteo Island
West 18 miles

Parry's Island
East 25 miles

Friday
Dec 8

This day begins with light wind from the South and good weather, the Ship close in with the land working round for the West side of the Island. at 7.30 A M stood close in to what the Natives Called the harbor I went in with 2 Boats to See how the landing was, and found it to be a Coral bound Shoar and the Sea breaking heavy on it. I told the Chief that was with me, that I could not land there with my boats without Staveing them to peases and Spoiling them for Whaleing, and that I would not do for all the recruits they had he urged me very hard to land, I told

him positively I would not. I told him if he would go a shoar in one of the many Canoes that was there and bring of the Pigs and Fowls I would stop close to the shoar with my Boats and take them and pay him for them, he went ashore and soon returned with a double Canoe and wanted me to go with him to the landing and see the hogs, and he would bring me back to my boat. I went with him landed safe but some wet, and saw what they had in their market as they were pleased to call it. Their was a few hogs a few Fowels & Cocanuts but not a Potatoe or any thing looked like one. I had my cloth with me to trade with and requested them to let me see the paper that I saw the day before giveing an account of the prices for the different articles they had for sale. the prices arranged by the Chiefs. they said they would get it. I waited some time it did not come I asked Menua the Chief why it had not come, he said bimeby. At that moment I saw the natives leave the Canoe that I landed in going back into the woods, I see they were determined to make my boats land the had got me they thought and the boats would land for me, and then take their trade.

1650

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

I asked Manny the chief (he spoke English) what they had brought the canoe up for and reminded him of his promise to take me back to the boat. his answer was by & by. Said I Manno you have deceived me, but I will plustrate your plans after all your Stratagem.

I took my cloth and started for the Shore, they made a great shouting but I kept straight a head not stopping to look back at the rabble that was following me. when I got to the shore I waved my boat to come, and then turned to Manna and told him what I thought of such treatment. I told him I would report it to the missionary when I get to Borabora. My boat came in I jumped in and left them to make money out of some one else they could not out of me. A good many Canoes came off to the boats & ship with Cocanuts, Limes, Bananas, Many apples, Pine apples & some Pigs, I bought a good lot of fruit and 7 Pigs, and at 11.30 AM braced forward the head yards and started for Borabora with light baffling winds from the South & West the Ship to W & WSW at noon passed Choak outara Island. the last part light winds from the South & East the Ship heading SW & SWbW

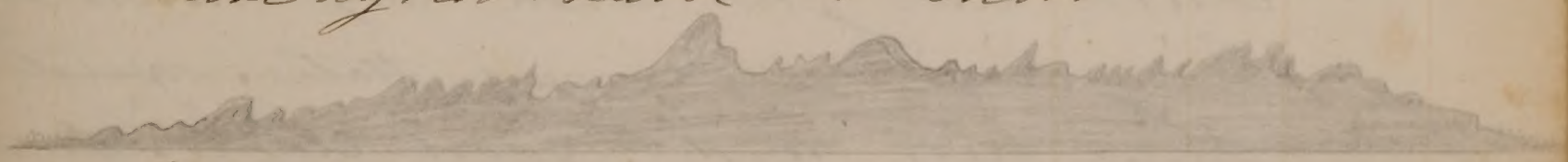
Lat 19.52.32 S Long 158.12.30 W

Sand Beach
Choakoutara Island

Voyage to Sandwich Islands December 1852

Saturday Dec 4th The first and middle part light winds from S by E to S E by S and pleasant weather the Ship heading S W by W to S W by S. employed in Mending Mainsail. the latter part light wind from S E to E S E The Ship S to S W. at 3 P M rose Rarotonga Island S 30 Miles off. at 6 bent Mainsail so Ends Lat 20.21.28 S Long by Lun 159.35.00 by Chro 159.31.00

Sunday Dec 5th Begins with light winds from the S & E the Ship working in for Rarotonga at 10 A M brisk breezes from E & E stood close in to the land, and a boat came off it being monday with them. they had some fruit to sell & told them it was my Sunday and I could not trade to day. they stoped a while and then went a shore to get ready for Trading Tomorrow. one of them stoped with me. we worked the Ship to windward to the Eastward of the Island & She would not drive off if the wind died away, the Current setting strong to the Westward. saw an other Ship close by at dark so Ends



Rarotonga Island S E by S 12 Miles off

Monday Dec 6th Begins with brisk breezes from the Eastward and fine weather the Ship lying off and on at Rarotonga at 9 A M I landed and began to get

167

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington, from

recruits such as Potatoes fruit &c &
hired 2 Boats to take off wood we
got off 8 load of wood 21 Bbls Potatoes
2 Hogs and a large quantity of fruit

I called on Mr Buzzacotts family
and took dinner with them. They
had been home to England where there
friends reside and made a long visit
since I saw them in 1846. The Jeffer-
of Saybrook came in for some recruits
and the Splendid of Cold Spring is
at the Station below. At 6 P.M. I came
onboard for the night So Ends

Tuesday
Dec 7th Commences with with brisk winds
from the Eastward and rain Squalls
the Ship standing off and on the land
at 8 AM pleasant I went onshore to
finish getting recruits and pay up
for what I lacked Yesterday. I went
with Captain Hunting to Mr Buzzacotts
and took dinner. at 4 P.M. got all
I wanted but wood and that I
could not get with My Boats they
being in a damaged state, and 3
Ships here with good cloth. So I
came onboard stood out to the South
in Company with the Jefferson So Ends

I took a Young Lad from there by
the name of George Myers. he left the
Ship Lewis of New Bedford, and was very
anxious to get off of the Island

Honolulu bound South December 1852

Wednesday Begins with light light wind from E
Dec 8th to ESE and fine weather the Ship hea-
-ding S to SSE. The middle part light wind
from ESE steered SE, employed in drying
and stowing away Potatoes—and Squeezing
out Lime juce &c. The latter part wind
and weather the same do Ends

Lat 22.33.53 S Long 160.00.00 W

Thursday
Dec 9th The first part light wind from ESE
and fine pleasant weather. Steered SE
The middle part light airs and Calms from
NNE. The latter part light airs and Calms
from the N & W rate employed in Various
duty Land Nothing. do Ends Steering S by E

Lat 23.30.45 South Long 159.18.30 West

Friday
Dec 10th Begins with calm pleasant weather
The middle part light baffling airs and
calms from the N & W. rate employed in
various Ships duty the last part the wind
hauled to the S and E the Ship heading
to the Eastward. the weather Squally
do Ends

Saturday
Dec 11th Begins with brisk breezes from the S & E
the Ship heading to the Eastward. The
Middle and latter part brisk wind
from E by S, the Ship heading S by E. do Ends

Lat 25.19.13 S Long 158.24.15 W

169

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Sunday Dec 12th — All of this day brisk breezes from E to E by S the Ship heading E by S & S E Sundry things to Ends Lat 27.49.38 S Long 157.49.45 W

Monday Dec 13th — All of these twenty four hours strong wind from E by S to E by E and some squally the Ship heading S E by S to S by E by the wind Sundry things to Ends Lat 30.27.28 S Long 156.01.15 W

Tuesday Dec 14th — Begins with strong wind from the N E and thick wet weather, the Ship heading to the Eastward. The middle part squally with heavy rain. at 11.30 AM took a heard squall split the fore topsail and broke the topsail Yard off by the quarter band I was below sick or it never would hapened for had I been on deck the sail would bee reefed as it ought to of been long before the accident took place. The wind hauled suddenly to the South and blew heavy the Ship lying under close reefed main topsail. The last part strong gales from E by E and more pleasant Set the foresail Sundry Ends heading S E

Wednesday Dec 15th — The first part strong gales from E by E and squally, the Ship heading S E. The Middle and latter part light wind from the S & W Nearest E by S. Fothered a new yard Set it up Sent Sail to Ends Lat 32.38.47 S Long 152.58.00 W

170

Honolulu bound South December 1852

Thursday Dec 16th — Begins with light airs and calms from the westward steered E by S. The middle and latter part brisk breezes from N and hazy weather. Saw Nothing So Ends

Friday Dec 17th — All of this day brisk breezes from the north and hazy weather with thick fog at times. Steered E by S Saw Porpoises So Ends Lat about 34.20.00 S

Saturday Dec 18th — All of these twenty four hours brisk wind from the N & W and good weather Steered E & E by S. So Ends
Lat 35.45.43 S Long 144.03.30 W

Sunday Dec 19th — The first part brisk breezes from N & W and pleasant weather. Steered E The Middle and latter part wind light and baffling with rain So Ends

Monday Dec 20th — Commences with light wind from the N & W and wet weather. Steered E. The Middle part brisk breezes from the S & W and more pleasant. The latter part brisk wind from S S E and some rain caught a Porpoise So Ends
Lat 37.36.23 S Long 137.46.45 W

Tuesday Dec the 21 — The first part light wind from S E the Ship heading E. The Middle and latter part light from E S E the Ship heading N E the weather cloudy So Ends

171

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington, from

Wednesday Dec 22nd — The first part light airs and calm from the E&E, the Ship heading E. The middle and latter part light wind from S&E to S&W and fine weather, Steered E & E by S and one Fire back & Ends

Lat 36.. 21.. 20 S Long 132.. 33.. 45 W

Thursday Dec the 23d — All of these twenty four hours light wind from the S & W and pleasant Steered E by S and nothing to Ends

Lat 36.. 32.. 41 S Long 128.. 32.. 30 W

Friday Dec 24th — All of this day pleasant breezes from the westward and good weather, Steered E by S. and nothing. to Ends

Lat 37.. 38.. 00 S Long 125.. 58.. 11 W

Saturday Dec 25th — The first part light wind from the Westward and good weather Steered E by S. The middle part light wind from the N W Steered E. The last part brisk breezes from N N E and rainy weather. to Ends

Lat 38.. 16.. 17 S

Sunday Dec 26 — The first and Middle part of this day had light baffling airs and Calms from N N E to S W and thick rainy weather. Steered. E. The latter part light wind from the westward and pleasant, Steered E & E by S. to Ends

Monday Dec 27th — All of these twenty-four-hours brisk wind from the westward and pleasant weather. Steered E. and S Thing So Ends Lat 39.02.31 S Long 117.54.00 W

This day My beloved Son if Living is ten years Old. May God Spare him Many years to be useful to his fellow beings, and an ornament to Society

Tuesday Dec 28th — All of these twenty-four-hours light Wind from the westward and pleasant weather Steered E and S Thing as Ends Lat 39.22.20 S Long 115.01.45 W

Wednesday Dec 29th — The first and middle part of this day light winds and Calms from the westward Steered E. The latter part light wind from the North So Ends

Lat 39.32.38 S = Long 113.21.00 West

Thursday Dec 30th — All of these twenty-four hours light winds and calms from NW to W and pleasant weather Steered E; all imployed in Ships duty. Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 39.49.18 South Long 111.58.15 West

Friday Dec 31th — Begins with light wind from the north and hazy weather. Steered E. The middle part light wind from N & the weather thick and wet; the Ship heading ESE. The last part light wind from N & W and thick weather Steered E So Ends the day & Jear 1852

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Saturday Jan the 1 The first part of this day, had the wind from the N & W and thick weather, steered E. The middle and latter part light wind from S S E to S E the weather cloudy. the Ship heading E to E by E. Saw 2 Finback Ds. Saw a Ship to windward Steering to the Eastward So Ends

Sunday Jan the 2d This day begins with light wind from S S E to S E and cloudy weather the Ship heading E to E by E. The Middle part light wind from the West steered E. At Noon Saw a Right Whale Cow and Calf lowered 3 boats without Success it came on Rugged, and we took the boats up and stood on our Course. The last part brisk wind from W N W, steered E by S. So Ends

Lat 41.22.55 S Long 103.19.00 W

Monday Jan the 3d The first part of this day, had brisk breezes from W N W to W S W and passing Clouds, steered E by S. The Middle part light winds and pleasant. Set up the blacksmith forge and fixed the mizzen truck. The latter part light wind from W by S. steered E by E Saw one Finback So. Ends

Lat 41.26.05 S Long 99.27.15 W

Tuesday Jan 4th Begins with brisk wind from W by S and passing clouds, steered E by E. at 3 P M Saw a Right Whale close to the Ship

X 174

took in the studingsails and hauled the
ship by the wind as quick as we could
X but the had got some distance to the
leward of the whale which was going to
the windward, the wind blowing strong
and the sea ruff we did not chase him.
Kept off E & E and set topgallant sails
and studingsails. The last half of the
day brisk wind and thick weather
So Ends Lat 41° 04' 57 S

Wednesday
Jan 5th The first and middle part of this day
brisk breezes from the N by E to NW by W and
pasing clouds, steered E & E. The latter part
light wind from NW steered Eby S and a
Bark Ship heading to the S & E So Ends
Lat 41° 01' 07 S Long 82° 05' 30 W

Thursday
Jan 6th All of these twenty four hours light wind from
the westward and hazy weather. Steered E & E
saw Porpoises and cowfish, So Ends
Lat 40° 50' 02 S Long 90° 16' 15 W

Friday
Jan 7th Begins with light winds from the westward
and thick weather, steered E & E. The middle
part, light airs and pleasant saw Finbacks
At 2 P M saw 2 Right whale at 2,30
leward 3 Boats 3 Struck one & me Penny the
other Mine went down and parted the line
& went off. Killed the other and took him
to the Ship. At 6 hoisted on at 8,20 finished cutting
& steered E & E. So Ends Lat 40° 38' 15 S Long 88° 21' 30 W

Parted L O B

L O B R Whale

175

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Saturday jan 8th The first part of this day light wind from the westward and cloudy weather, steered E & N E. The middle part light wind from W by S and clear weather. the watches employed in cutting blubber and cleaning bone, I thought it best to cut the blubber up and let it ley for 2 or 3 days as there was considerble water in it. The last part wind and weather the same and nothing to Ends

Lat 40-32-13 S Long 86-19-15 West

Sunday jan 9th All of these twenty four hours light winds from the westward and fine pleasant weather, steered E & N E and Finbacks to Ends Lat 40-23-44 S Long 84-09-00 W

Monday jan 10th Begins with light airs from N W steered N E by E, at 6 P M commenced boiling. The middle and latter part pleasant breezes from N W and fine weather and nothing to Ends

Lat 39-59-53 South Long 82-00-00 West

Tuesday jan 11th The first part of this day light winds from the westward steered E & N E & N E by E employed in boiling. The middle part brisk wind from N E, at 2 P M finished boiling. The last part brisk wind from S E by E, and pazing clouds. to Ends

Lat 39-04-30 S Long 78-40-15 W

Honolulu to the Coast of Chili Jan 1853

Wednesday Jan 12th — Begins with brisk winds from SE to SE by E and clear weather, steered N E by E. The middle part, wind S. and Finbacks and 2 Ships. The latter part wind and weather the same, put the Oil into the blubber room off decks, at 6 P.M. Saw the land on the coast of Chili, took in all the light Sails, not wanting to run in too fast in the dark So Ends Lat at Noon 38.02.53 S Long at 2 P.M 73.45.00 W

Thursday Jan 13th — Commences with light winds from the south and fine weather steered to the N & E along the land, at 11 A.M stood close in to the entrence of Talcahuana harbor, I took my boat and went up to town to see if I could get a chance to ship some Oil, found but one Ship bound home and she could not take what I wished to ship, in fact the Captain did not want to take any. I got some fresh beef and returned to my ship at 4 P.M, and shaped my course for Valparaiso. They would not let my Boats crew land at Talcahuana nor even let me go from the custom house to get some dinner, so I returned to my ship hungry

Friday Jan 14th — All of these twenty four hours pleasant breezes from the S & W and fine weather. Steered to the N & E along the land, saw Finbacks, Humpbacks, and Sulphurbottoms So Ends Lat 34.30.06 S Long 72.28.15 W

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Saturday Jan 15th — The first part of this day light wind from the S & W, and, Calms. The Middle part light wind from the N & W, worked the ship to the North along the land. Saw many Humpbacks. The last part calm so Ends

Lat 33.25.00 S Long 71.54.30 W

Sunday Jan 16th — The first part of this day Calm Hazy weather the Ship lying close in to the land. The middle part light wind from the N & W, worked the Ship along for Valparaiso. The last part light baffling airs from the North, the lighthouse in sight, Saw 2 Ships and 2 Brigs come out So Ends

Lat 33.09.53 S Long 71.58.30 W

Monday Jan 17 — This day begins with Calm pleasant weather the Ship lying close to the land near Valparaiso. The middle part light wind from the N & W, at 8 A M I landed at the town to see if I could get a chance to Ship my Oil to the United States, I found a good many Vessels in the harbor, of different nations. I found 2 Barks bound to the United States, that would take the Oil, but the rest of their Cargo was such that I did not like to send Oil with it. I bought some Beans, Potatoes, and Onions, eat at 1,30 P M Came to my Ship and stood out from the harbor in Company with a number of Vessels. The latter part of the day Calm. So Ends

Tuesday Jan 18th — The first part of this day Calm pleasant weather the Ship off Valparaiso in Company with several Vessels. The middle part light airs from WSW, the Ship heading NW. The latter part light wind from SW to SSW Steered WNW. So Ends

Lat 32.48.35 S Long 71.57.30 W

Wednesday Jan 19th — Commences with light wind from the South and west, Steered WNW. The middle and latter part pleasant breezes from S to SE, the watches imployed in mending Sails, and Jibstays. So Ends

Lat 31.22.57 S

Thursday Jan 20th — This day begins with light wind from the S&E Steered NNW. The middle part baffling winds from the S&W. imployed in mending jib & flying jib. The last part, wind the same. Saw Finbacks So Ends Lat 29.45.41 S Long 75.53.15 W

Friday Jan the 21 — All of these twentyfour-hours light baffling wind from SW to SE and Cloudy weather, Steered NNW by W & WNW. all imployed in mending Sails, bent jib flying jib, fore ~~Topsail~~ and fore Top-gallantsail. Saw a Sail a long distance off. So Ends

No Observation

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Saturday Jan 22nd — All of these twenty four hours light winds from SE to SSW and pleasant weather steered WNW and NWbyW. employed in mending Sails. Saw Fin & Humpbacks. at 5 PM, made the Islands of St Felix and Ambrose bearing WSW 35 miles. So Ends

Lat 27.03.31 S Long 78.54.11 W

Sunday Jan the 23 — All of this day fine breezes from the S & E and pleasant weather, steered WNW at 2 PM passed St Felix and Ambrose Islands. it being Sunday, did not stop for fish. Lat 25.38.24 S Long 80.58.30 W

Ambrose SSE 10 Miles } St Felix S 12 Miles

Monday Jan 24th — The first part of this day the was light and baffling from SSW to ESE and pleasant weather Steered WNW. The Middle and latter part pleasant breezes from SE all employed in their Ships duty. Saw a brig standing to the SSW by the wind. Saw breaches. So Ends

Lat 24.21.52 South Long 82.48.30 West

Tuesday Jan 25th — All of these twenty four hours pleasant breezes from SE to E and pasing clouds steered WNW. washed the Ship outside and got ready for painting So Ends

Lat 22.58.56 South Long 84.45 00 West

Chili towards the Sandwich Islands Jan 1873

Wednesday Jan the 26 — All of these twentyfour hours fine breezes from SE to ESE; Steered WbyW. all imployed in ships duty. Saw Nothing; So Ends
Lat 21.36.46 South Long 88.05.00 West

Thursday Jan 27th — The most of this day pleasant breezes from ESE to SE and good weather. Steered NWbyW to WbyN. imployed in Ships duty. Saw Nothing. So Ends
Lat 20.06.04 South Long 88.29.00 West

Friday Jan 28th — All of these twentyfour hours light winds from E to SE. Steered WbyN. imployed in Ships duty. Saw Nothing. So Ends
Lat 19.21.15 South Long 90.21.30 West

Saturday Jan 29th — The first, Middle, and latter part of these twentyfour hour light wind from ESE to SE and fine weather, Steered WbyN & WNW imployed in ships duty rattling rigging &c Saw Nothing. So Ends
Lat 18.30.05 South Long 92.02.45 West

Sunday Jan 30th — All of these twentyfour hours pleasant breezes from ESE and good weather Steered WbyN to NWbyW Saw Nothing. So Ends.
Lat 17.25.25 South Long 93.53.11 West

Monday Jan the 31 — All of this day brisk brisk breezes from ENE to SEbyE, and some squally. Steered WNW & NWbyW, imployed in. Saving rigging &c at ½ P.M past the Ship Caravan of Fallriver Steering to the westward So Ends
Lat 15.56.39 South Long 96.23.30 West

181

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Tuesday
February 1 Commences with brisk wind from ESE and squally weather the Ship going WNW The middle and latter part Moderate wind and pleasant, imployed in Saving rigging and Various Ships duty. So Ends
Lat 14.30.21 S Long 58.28.30 West

Wednesday
Feb 2nd All of this day baffling winds from the Eastward and squally Steered NbyW and WNW. Saw Porpoises. So Ends

Thursday
Feb the 3d The first part of this day brisk breezes from the S & E and squally. Steered NbyW & WNW the middle & latter part light wind. So Ends
Lat 12.34.15 South Long 102.53.45 West

Friday
Feb 4th All of these twenty four hours light winds from ESE and fine weather Steered WbyN. Painted the Starboard Side of the Ship. So Ends
Lat 12.03.03 South

Saturday
Feb 5th All of these twenty four hours light wind from the ESE and pleasant weather Steered West. all imployed in breaking out between decks and Stowing a fresh water tank. Saw Finbacks So Ends
Lat 11.35.45 South Long 109.10.15 West

Sunday Feb 6th — All of this day pleasant breezes from E to E & E and fine weather, Steered W to W & W & Saw Nothing to Ends

Lat 10.55.05 South Long 109.02.15 West

Monday Feb 7th — Commences with light wind from E by S and fine weather Steered W. The middle and latter part, Steered W & W and W by N imployed in Painting the Larboard side of the Ship. Saw Nothing to Ends

Tuesday Feb 8th — All of this day brisk breezes from the E & E Steered W & W, imployed in Various Ships duties painted jib booms and bowsprit Saw Nothing to Ends

Lat 9.03.00 S Long 113.03.00 West

Wednesday Feb 9th — All of these twentyfour hours brisk trades from E by S. and pleasant weather The first and middle part Steered W The latter part Steered W & W. Varnished the Spare Spars and painted the water ware Saw a Turtle. to Ends

Lat 8.30.43 South Long 116.00.15 West

Thursday Feb 10th — The first middle and latter part of this day, brisk wind from E by S and good weather, Steered W & W. Saw Nothing to Ends Lat 9.31.48 South Long 118.53.00 West

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Friday Feb 11 th — All of this day brisk winds from E by S, and passing Clouds. Steered W and WbyW. Saw Nothing to Ends
Lat 6.. 38.. 08 South Long 127.. 37.. 45 West

Saturday Feb 12 th — Comes with brisk wind from E by S and cloudy weather. Steered W. The Middle and latter part, pleasant. Steered WbyW painted the dead Eyes. and a new boat over head. Saw Nothing. to Ends
Lat 6.. 07.. 52 South Long 123.. 38.. 15 West

Sunday Feb 13 th — All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from the Eastward and good weather Steered W. Saw Nothing to Ends
Lat 5.. 30.. 38 S Long 126.. 11.. 45 West

Monday Feb 14 th — All of this day brisk breezes from E by S and passing Clouds, Steered W. Saw Nothing to Ends
Lat 5.. 17.. 01 S Long 125.. 00.. 15 W

Tuesday Feb 15 th — Commences with brisk breezes from E by S and some rain Squals, Steered W. The Middle part pleasant Steered WbyW. The latter part the Same. Saw Nothing. to Ends
Lat 4.. 47.. 17.. South Long ——

My Dear Daughter if Living is 8 Years old to day. God grant that she may live many Years and be useful to her fellow beings and an ornament to Society

Chili to the Sandwich Islands Feb 1853

Tuesday Feb 15th — Begins with brisk breezes from Ebyd and fine weather, steered WbyW. The middle and latter part steered WbyN and NW. the winds ESE & SEbyE. painted Davis Side boards bearers &c and Nothing to Ends

Lat 3.31.38 South Long 134.37.00 West

Thursday Feb 17th — This day begins with brisk breezes from SEbyS and pleasant weather steered NW. The middle part light wind and pleasant Painted the fore, fore topsail, and fore topgallant yards, crotched and mizzen topsail yard, and a boat over head. The latter part light wind and baffling and no Whale So Ends

Lat 1.31.08 South Long 136.32.45 West

Friday Feb 18th — The first part light wind from ESE to SE and pleasant steered NWbyW. The middle part fine breezes from E, employed in painting the ships Stern. The latter part brisk breezes and passing Clouds. So Ends

Lat 00.03.00 South

Saturday Feb 19th — The most of these twenty four hours light wind from the Eastward and good weather steered NWbyW. painted fore & mizzen mastheads. Main, maintopsail and topgallant yards. the top of the sale and the figure head and Nothing to Ends

Lat 2.17.41 North Long 139.08.45 West

Sunday Feb 20th — All of these twenty four hours brisk wind from the N&E and equally. steered NW & NWbyW So Ends Lat 4.19.18 North Long 141.03.30 West

185

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Monday Feb the 21 — All of these twenty four hours brisk winds from N Eby E to N Eby N and passing Clouds Steered N W. and nothing. So Ends

Lat 6.51.10 N Long 142.56.45 West

Tuesday Feb the 22nd — The first and middle part strong winds from N E and squalls Steered N W. the latter part more moderate So Ends

Lat 9.28.12 North Long 145.04.30 West

Wednesday Feb 23d — The first and middle part, strong wind from N E and good weather steered N W — The latter part squally took in Topgallant sails and nothing So Ends

Lat 12.11.19 N Long 149.20.45 W

Thursday Feb 24th — This day begins with strong winds from N Eby E and squally Steered N W. at 2 P M took in Topgallantsails. The middle part strong wind and passing Clouds. The last part squally, the Ship under 2 reefed Main and Close reefed fore and mizzen Topsails Jib and mainsail in. So Ends

Lat 14.56.37 North Long 148.33.30 West

Friday Feb 25th — Commences with strong gales from N Eby E and squally weather. the Ship under two reefed main, Close reefed fore and mizzen Topsails & forsail Steered N W. The middle part more moderate let one reef out of the topsails, set jib and mainsail, The latter part some squally, the main Topgallant sail set over single reefed topsail. So Ends

Lat 17.04.04 North Long 151.28.45 West

184

Chile Towards the Sandwich Islands Feb 1853

Saturday Feb 26th — The first part of this day, strong wind from E & E and equally steered N.W. The Middle part much the same, at Noon Kept off W.N.W. The latter part moderate and quite pleasant. Saw a Ship steering to the west. So Ends

Lat 18.27.39 S Long 153.27.30 W

Sunday Feb 27th — Commences with light winds from E and pleasant weather. Steered W.N.W, at 7 A.M Saw the Island of Owhyhee, its lofty, snow capped Peaks towering far above the Clouds looking Picturesque and Grand. At 11. A.M the Island of Mowee came in view, at 4 P.M got up the Chains and bent them. at 6 P.M close in with Mowee, the East end bearing South. So Ends

Lat 20.41.19 S Long 155.37.00 West

Monday Feb 28th — Commences with pleasant breezes from the Eastward and fine weather. Steered to the N & W along the land at 8 A.M got close in to the anchorage at Lahaina and I went ashore to get letters, and some fresh Beef and Potatoes. I received a letter from my Brother saying that My Wife was very Sick, and God knows that My heart has pained me ever since. At 4 P.M I came off and Started for Honolulu. The wind light and baffling from the westward So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington at the

Tuesday Mch the 1 — All of these twenty four hours light baffling airs and calms from the Eastward and Westward the Ship lying in the passage from Lahaina to Mowee 3 Ships in Company So Ends

Wednesday Mch the 2nd — Begins with strong breezes from the South and Squally the Ship running down for Honolulu at 6.30 A M Set a Signal for a pilot at 8 he came onboard at 11 we came to anchor in the harbor. I found a good Chance for Shipping Oil in the Charles Mallory and Shall do so. I found a number of Ships in port Shipping Oil to the United States So Ends

Thursday Mch the 3d — At daylight Called all hands, and began to warp the Ship along side of the Charles Mallory, at 8 A M got alongside and got ready for breaking out Oil. The Men Came to me and said they understood that it was ruleable to give one dollar per day for breaking out oil to Ship. I told them I knew nothing of it, but would go and see the Consul. I did so and he said that he thought it was best to do so and it to them as liberty Money &c. at 2 P M Commenced breaking out. wee. put 105 Bbls onboard. Strong winds from the N & E and fine weather So Ends

Friday
Mch 4th All of these twenty-four hours strong gales from the N & E and squally weather all employed in putting Oil onboard the C. Mallory. So Ends

Saturday
Mch 5th All of these ~~Twenty~~ four hours strong wind from the N & E and squally weather all hands employed in breaking out & putting Oil onbord the Mallory. So Ends

Sunday
Mch 6th This day comes in with quite pleasant weather. the most of the Crew onshore to Church &c. I attended the Bethel in the fore noon, and, and Mr Taylors Church in the Evening. I was glad to here the gospil preached once more

Monday
Mch 7th This day begins and ends with moderate winds from N E; all hands employed in breaking out Oil and putting it onboard of the Charles Mallory. So Ends

Tuesday
Mch 8th All of these ~~twenty~~ four hours had good west her. we finished getting out the Oil, put about 1000 bbls onboard So Ends

Wednesday
Mch 9th At daylight commenced hauling the ship from along side the Charles malory, hauled her close up to the head of the harbor and moored her Cleared up the decks and got ready for setting up Shrouds. So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Thursday Mch 10th — The first and middle part of this day pleasant weather. all hands imployed in cleaning up and getting ready for Painting, Sent a raft of Casks in to fill with fresh water. The latter part Showery

Friday Mch 11th — All hands imployed in washing Ship and setting up Shrouds, the weather rather Showery &c Ends

Saturday Mch 12th — All hands imployed in Setting up Shrouds Painting Ship getting off fresh water &c &c Ends these twenty four hours

Saturday Mch 13th — All of these twenty four hours Strong Winds and Squally from the N & E. In the fore noon I heared the Reverend Mr Andrews, and in the Evening Mr Dana Preach in the Bethel. ——————

Sunday Mch 14th — The first part of this day thick raing Squally weather. The Middle & latter part pleasant, one watch on Liberty the other imployed in filling fresh water, Setting up Shrouds &c. an English Man of ware Steamer Came in from Otaheita —

Tuesday Mch 15th — In the morning got off a raft of Water and then let one watch go onshore the other imployed in Stowing water and getting the Ship ready for Sea &c Ends

at the Sandwich Islands March 1853

Wednesday Mch 16th — At daylight Called all hands to unmoor the Ship and get ready to go out at 7 A.M got all ready at 11 the Pilot Came onboard - and took her out, the Trades blowing Strong - and squally. at 3 P.M I came off and Started for Mowee, the Ship being Very Crank, we filled some Cask with water - and put them to the windward. Several Ships Came out to day some bound to Mowee & some bound Westward — So Ends

Thursday Mch 17th — Commences with Strong wind from N E the Ship heading E S E under reefed Topsails courses and jib - at 6 A.M the W end of Ranai bore N E 12 Miles. chid away. Calm and the Ship lay unmanegeable till 5 P.M the wind breezed up from the N E and worked up for Ranai and 2 Ships to day So Ends

Friday Mch 18th — The first part light baffling winds and Calms the Middle part Strong winds from the N & E. worked the Ship in for the land under close reefed Topsails, the wind blowing heavy in flaws. the latter part moderate the Ship close in to Ranai. the Amazon of Fairhaven in Company So Ends

Saturday Mch 19th — Commences with light wind from the Westward worked the Ship in for Mowee anchorage, at 8,30 A.M Came

191

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington at

to anchor, found a number of Ships in
port and among them was the Sch
Waterman, Mary & Susan, George and Cerealia
of Stonington, the Mary & Susan went out
&c Ends

Sunday
Mch 20th All of these twenty four hours fine
pleasant weather, the most of the crew
went to Church and heard the Reverand
Mr Bishop preach a very good discorse.

Monday
Mch the 21 This day light baffling airs all imployed
in breaking out and stowing the run
&c &c Ends

Tuesday
Mch 22nd All of this day light baffling airs
all imployed in coppering provisions &
stowing the after hold &c Ends

Wednesday
Mch 23d This day light baffling wind and pleasa
imployed in setting up shrouds for water

Thursday
Mch the 24 All of this day Strong gales from the
S & E. The latter part thick & rainy

Friday
Mch 25th These twenty four hours Strong gales from
the S & E and thick rainy weather

Saturday
Mch 26th This day Strong gales from SW and
thick rainy weather &c Ends

192

Sunday Mch 27th All of these twenty four hours beating wind and fregment showers So Ends

Monday
Mch 28th These twenty four hours pleasant weather the Starboard watch on liberty the rest imployed in setting up Shrouds and getting off fresh water, at dark all hands off from shore

Tuesday
Mch 29th This day pleasant weather the Cooper setting up Shrouds got off a raft of water the Larboard watch on liberty, at dark all hands onboard So Ends

Wednesday
Mch 30th Begins with light airs and fine weather got off a raft of water, and at 4 PM got under weigh bound to Honolulu got into the Bark Cherokee of her Bitts and carred away his spritsail yard, came to anchor again to settle damages

Thursday
Mch the 31 Begins with light airs from the Eastward & fine weather, at 6 AM took over anchor and stood out from among the shipping & saw Captain Smith & settled with him for the damage done to his ship. at 8 AM I came onboard, and sent a half Topsail yard to the Cherokee & spikes to mend his spritsail yard. & then stood for Honolulu. at 5 PM, hauled to off Diamon Head. So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

~~Monday~~ Friday April the 1 Begins with light winds from the N & E and pleasant weather the Ship standing off & on at Honolulu, at 8 A M I landed for letters, but the mail had not arive, I was very much disappointed for it had been due 5 days. I was bound to Atooi for wood and could not get there in time to do any thing this week. so I concluded to stop a day or two for the mail to come. I sent my boat off and I stoped with Captain Hall of the S N Waterman. So Ends

Saturday April the 2nd Comes in with Calm pleasant weather and remains so through the day. at 5 P M my boat came in and I went off no Mail. So Ends

Sunday April 3d This day begins with light winds from the N & E the Ship lying off & on the harbor. at 4 P M the not come I Kept off for Atooi. brisk breezes from the N E So Ends

Monday April 4th Begins with brisk wind from the N & E the Ship going W by S at 9 A M I landed at Koolua on Atooi and ingaged my wood of Mr Gibson at 6 dollars per cord. got off 3 Boat load, all that was down and I came off to My Ship for the Night. Two more Ships off & on So Ends

at the Sandwich Islands April 1843.

Tuesday April 5th — Begins with light winds from the Eastward and hazy weather. at 8 A.M went in with 2 Boats got off some wood and 12 Bbls of sweet potatoes. The middle and latter part of the day light baffling airs at 5 P.M I came onboard do Ends

Wednesday April 6th — Commences with Strong winds from N E and Squally the Ship Standing off and on the land. The Middle & latter part the same it blew too heavy for me to land with my boats to take off wood a number of Ships came down from Honolulu for wood. do Ends

Thursday April 7th — Begins with Strong gales from the N E and Squally the Ship lying off & on the landing in the morning I found it to rugged to take off wood with the Ship under weigh. So I stood in and came to anchor. and at 11 A.M had all my wood off 9 1/2 Cords. at 2 P.M took the Anchor and Started for the whale Ground Steering W S W Stowed the anchors and Chains, and cleared up decks for Sea do Ends

Friday April 8th — Begins with brisk wind from the E & E and cloudy weather Steered W S W. employed in getting the Boats ready for whaling &c The last part Steered W by S. Saw a Sail do Ends

Lat 21.18.52 N. Long 162.27.00 W

195

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Saturday April 9th — Commences with strong trades and squally weather steered Wbyn. The middle part more pleasant mended the main sail and bent it. The latter part strong gails from E & E and squaly, employed in making a dawy So Ends
Lat 21.09.33 N Long 163.37.00 West

Sunday April 10th — The first part of this day strong winds from E & E and squally weather steered Wbyn. The middle and latter part more pleasant and a Finback. So Ends
Lat 21.01.05 North Long 169.17.15 West

Monday April 11th — All of these twenty fours hours brisk winds from the E & E and frequent squals. Steered Wbyn and W and Nothing So Ends
Lat 20.55.00 N Long 173.22.30 W

Tuesday April 12th — All of this day brisk winds from Ebyn and fine weather steered West. Employed in mending jib and Main top gallant sail. put up a new jib stay So Ends Lat 21.26.14 N Long 176.51.45 West

Wednesday April 13th — The first and middle part brisk winds from Ebyn and squaly with rain steered W. The latter part more pleasant and Nothing So Ends
Lat 22.04.20 N Long 179.51.45 East

from the S. Islands Westward April 1813

Thursday April 14th — All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from the East and good weather Steered W imployed in mending Spanker & Flying Jib and clearing Ships duties So Ends
Lat 22.42.21 N Long 175.32.30 East

Friday April 15th — All of this day pleasant breezes from the Eastward and good weather, Steered W. imployed in sorting over Potatoes putting in a Davy &c and Sorting So Ends Lat 23.15.38 N Long 172.18.45 West

Saturday April 16th — All of these twenty four hours pleasant winds from E by N to E by S and fine weather Steered W by W & W. Painted Starboard and Bow Boats. and a french Ship Steering W & W So Ends
Lat 24.03.50 N Long 169.18.45 W

Sunday April 17th — The first part of this day had baffling winds and Squaly weather Steered W & W. The Middle & latter part brisk breezes from E and pleasant. So Ends
Lat 25.20.36 North Long 166.46.30 West

Monday April 18th — The most of this day pleasant breezes from the Eastward and fine weather. Steered W & W & W by W. Painted Starboard & Waste Boats So Ends
Lat 27.08.38 N Long 163.55.15 West

197

N B. Four days on this Page & 3 on the other side are marked West Longitude when it should be marked East

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Tuesday
April 19th commences with light winds from E&E and fine weather steered NWbyW. The middle and latter part light airs & Calms from S&E steered NW. Mended foresail & fore topgallant sail and bent a main topsail & topgallant sail. Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 28°.24'.03 N Long 162°.04'.15 West

Wednesday
April 20th The first part of this day Calm pleasant weather. The middle and latter part light winds from SEbyS. Steered NW. employed in mending an old Topsail. Killed a Pig for a fresh mess on the morrow So Ends

Lat 29°.11'.33 N Long 161°.26'.00 West

Thursday
April the 21 commences with light wind from SEbyS and fine weather steered NW, the middle part good breazes from SSW. Painted a boat over head the Cooper Setting up Cask, at 3 PM the wind shifted to the NNW in a Squall put the Ship under reeped Topsails heading E. Saw many birds, and 2 Turtle. Saw Thousands of the paper Shells that are seen in some parts of the Pacific, we caught numbers of them with a Scoop net. At 6 PM moderate made all sail. at 6.30 tacked to West. So Ends

Lat 30°.40'.51 N Long 160°.07'.45".00 West

Friday
April 22nd Begins with light wind from N&W, the Ship heading to the westward. The Middle of the day light winds from NbyE to NNE & pleasant the Ship heading NWbyW & NW. employed in Setting up Cask

198

the latter part steered NW & NNW byes the wind E and light with passing clouds So Ends
Lat 31°.17'.54 North Long 159°.02'.45 East

Saturday
April the 23 Commences with light wind from the N & E steered NW byN. the middle part fine breezes from ESE, and pleasant weather, imployed in Stowing cask in the fore hold and filling them with salt water to trim Ship. the latter part pleasant breezes from SEbyS steered NNW saw Finbacks Porpoises and Albacore. So Ends
Lat 32°.29'.43 N Long 158°.03'.00" East

Sunday
April 24th Begins with brisk wind from SE and Cloudy weather, steered NNW & NWbyN. at 5 AM Stung wind from SW and wet weather, the Ship under double reefed Topsails and foresail. at 6.30 Close reefed the Topsails the blowing heavy from W and thick raing weather. at 8.30 AM the wind NNW and more pleasant the Ship heading N E. at 10.30 Veered Ship to NW & WbyN at Noon let one reef out the Topsails and Jib & Mainsail. the latter part warmer and weather much the same So Ends
Lat 34°.50'.30 N Long 157°.03'.11 East

Monday
April 25th Begins with Stung gales from NNE the Ship heading NW under reefed Topsails. the middle & latter more moderate from NEbyE to ESE steered NbyW, imployed in setting up Shrouds saw whale spout So Ends
Lat 35°.34'.15 N Long 155°.26'.00 East

199

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Tuesday
April 26th Commences with fine breezes from the S & E and passing clouds, Steered N by W. The Middle part Strong wind from S by E, employed in setting up Shrouds. The latter part Strong ~~gales~~ from S by E, the Ship under reefed Topsails, Steering N & N by W. So Ends
Lat 38. 03. 10 N Long 154. 56. 30 East

Wednesday
April 27th Commences with Strong gales from the South, and wet weather Steered N under reefed Topsails and Foresail a heavy Sea going. The Middle part Strong winds from the westward and Clear weather. The latter part light wind from the North the Ship heading to the west So Ends. Lat 41. 25. 26 N Long 155. 00. 00 E

Thursday
April 28th Begins with light wind from the Eastward the Ship heading N. The middle part brisk wind from SW to W by N & passing clouds Steered N by W. The latter part Strong gales from W by N and clear weather, at 6 PM the Ship under close reefed Topsails & Foresail, the weather looking bad So Ends
Lat 42. 28. 04 N Long 155. 11. 15 East

Friday
April 29th The first part of this day Strong wind from W by N and cloudy weather, Steered N by W under close reefed Topsails & Foresail. The Middle part light baffling airs & Calms employed in setting up Shrouds &c. The latter part light wind from South & Cloudy Saw Finbacks & Humpbacks So Ends
Lat 43. 58. 44 N

from the Sandwich Islands westward April

Saturday April 30th } Commences with light winds from the South and cloudy weather Steered N. at 7 AM heavy gales from ESE and a thick Snow Storm. Have the Ship too under close reefed Main Topsail heaving NE, the Gale increasing fast. at 8 took in the Main Topsail a very bad Sea going, At noon the gale broke and the winds draped off fast, at 1 PM Set close reefed main Topsail, at 2 Set foresail & fore Topsail and Kept off NbyW, the winds South, at 4 PM heavy winds from SSW, took in the Foresail at dark the wind and weather much the same. Saw many Birds &c Ends

Sunday May the 1- Begins with Strong gales from SSW and squaly weather and a very heavy sea going. Steered NbyW under close reefed Fore & main Topsails. At 4 AM Calm, at 6 Strong wind from WNW and Snow Squals the Ship heading N E. at 10 AM heavy gales took in the fore topsail at 7 PM wind NW the Ship heading NbE. &c Ends These twenty four hours

Monday May the 2nd Commences with heavy gales from NW and Squaly weather with Snow & hale, the Ship heading NbE under close reefed main Topsail. at 7 AM more moderate Set close reefed fore & mizzen Topsails The middle part Strong Gales & Squalls at 1 PM Set foresail. The latter part More moderate from NbyE the Ship heading NbyW Made Sail according &c Ends Lat 37.23.05 N Long 155.34.30 East

201

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Tuesday May the 3d — Begins with Stormy wind from W.N.W & W by N and clear weather, the Ship heading N & N by W under 2 reefed Topsails, The Middle part more moderate Let Hull Topsails Spoke the Mercury of New Bedford Captain Hammond at 1 PM thick Snow Storm at 5 PM Clear weather, the land in Sight Paramoura and other Islands South of it Saw 4 Ships. In the morning Saw a Right whale going Quick to the N.W. The day Ends with light airs from W and fine weather, working the Ship in for the land. Set up the Stove in the Cabbin & Ends

Mercury ×

Lat 48.45.44 N Long 156.05.00 East

Wednesday May 4th — Commences with fine breezes from the Westward and pleasant weather worked the Ship in for the land, at Sunset the wind very light from the Westward, the Ship in the Passage between Onekotan & Paramoura Islands, 6 Ships in Sight working in do Ends Lat 49.43.02 N Long 155.42.15 E.

Onekotan Island bearing W 15 Miles

Thursday May 5th — 202 — The first part of this day light wind from the SE and Some Snow Steered N.W. At 10 AM Spoke the Gladiator of New Bedford Captain Turner. The Middle part light wind from W and foggy The Latter part baffling wind from the westward & Usually Saw 2 more Ships do Ends

Gladiator

Crewsing for Whale in the Ochotsk Sea May 1853

Friday May the 6th — Commences with light wind from the West and some fog and snow, the Ship heading to the N & W. The Middle and latter part light wind from N by E, the Ship heading NW by W. Saw 3 Ships bound to the north. So Ends. No Observation the weather Cloudy

Saturday May 7th — Commences with light wind from N and cloudy weather the Ship heading WNW. At 4 PM tacked to NE. The Middle part more pleasant at ~~10~~ 6 tacked to WNW at 1 PM tacked to N E by N, the last part heading to N E & N E by E Saw 3 Ships So Ends

Lat 52.49.22 N Long 150.16.45 East

Sunday May 8th — Begins with brisk wind from N E and cloudy weather the Ship heading to N W, the Topsails reefed, head frequent snow squalls. The middle part, wind N the Ship heading W by N. At 8 PM Veered Ship to N E & E by E, and took in the Jib. Saw a Ship heading the same So Ends.

Monday May 9th — Commences with brisk wind from N by W to N and cloudy weather with some snow the Ship heading N E by E & E. The middle part more pleasant Saw considerable Ice but it was very much broken. At 1 PM tacked Ship to N W & N W by W. Some of the time clear & some of the time snowing, Saw a Ship heading to the N & W. So Ends Lat 54.01.30 N Long 148.01.30 East

203

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Tuesday May 10th

Soon after I wrote last Evening we came to the Ice so thick that we had to tack Ship to the Est & the weather weather pleasant. in the morning the Wind N.W.W the Ship heading N E, along the Ice. at 9 AM Saw a Polar whale, Leward 4 Boats, at 11 Mr Collins succeeded in Striking him, he ran into the Ice, I got fast and killed him, he ran to the windward a short distance and there Sounded quick. My line got foul and took My boat down, but fortunately the other boats were close by and picked us all up, they were just in time, for I had 2 men in My Boat that Could not Swim. We all got in to the Ward boat, and I sent Mr Penny after the Bow boat & Whale. we towed My boat to a large Cake of Ice and hauled her up and got the water out, Saved all the things and went to the Ship, Salubrity that a Cold bath in the Bay reasons, were not so agreeable as a warm one. At 1,30 P M got the whale to the Ship, got up Cutting Pennants, and Gin and at 4 P M Commenced Cutting To leward. at 9 P M finished Cutting, got Supper, set watches and went to Clearing up decks, the Ship Standing back and forth among the Ice to Ends. no Observation but Calculate the Lat. 54°-15'-00" & Long 149-50-00 East

107 Bbls B B Polar Whale

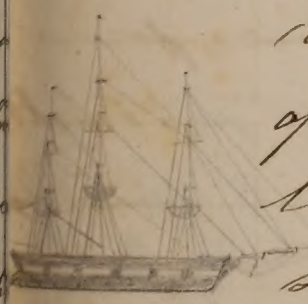
Wednesday May 11th

Commences with light wind from the N & W and good weather. The watch

employed in clearing away the whales head and clearing up decks, the Ship heading East & W to keep clear of the Ice. - at 6 P.M found that we could not get any farther to the north without going farther to the Eastward. Kept off to the South & East and passed by a heavy body of Ice and steered E by S. - at 11 hauled the Ship by the wind heading N E & N E by E. The latter part some snow and lent little Ice the wind brisk from N N W to W by W employed in boiling. Saw a bark Ship to Leeward heading to the N & E. So Ends

Lat 54.44.58 N Long 150.33.15 East

Thursday
May 12th This day begins with light wind from the N & W and cloudy weather, the Ship heading to the N & E employed in boiling. at 11 A M tacked Ship to N W. The Middle of the day more clear got some altitudes. The latter part quite thick & hazy with some snow. Saw 4 Ships one Chasering a whale did not get him. at 6.30 P M tacked to E by N, Spoke the Ocmulgee of Sisbury Captain Cattle had nothing this season, So Ends



Ocmulgee

Lat 54.14.11 N Long 152.01.15 East

Friday
May 13th Begins with light wind from the North & thick weather with some snow. employed in boiling and working the Ship to windward along the Ice The middle and latter part light airs & Calms and fine pleasant weather

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Northern Light

Saw 14 Ships 2 of them boiling. Saw no whales at 9 PM Spoke the Northern Light of Fairhaven Captain Hiatt, had taken one whale this season, and picked up one. So Ends, the Ship Close in to the Ice

Lat 55.40.27 N Long 15.22.00 East

Saturday
May 14th

Commences with light airs from the Westward the Ship lying close in with the Ice employed in boiling. The Middle part light wind from the North worked the Ship to windward. Saw 12 to 14 Ships 9 Boiling and 1 Cutting. at 3 PM we finished boiling. and Spoke the

Republic

Republic of Fremin Captain Austin no whale this season. and the Three Brothers of Nantucket Capt Adams 1 Right whale this season. I went onboard of the Three Brothers and got 9 hanks of twine for which I paid two dollars. The last part light airs from N to E, the Ship heading E saw no

Three Brothers

whales. So Ends

Lat 55.45.00 N Long 151.33.00 East

Sunday
May 15th

All of these twenty four hours pleasant breezes from the N and fine weather. All employed in stowing down Oil in the main hatch & working the Ship to the windward through the Ice. Saw a number of whales that other Ships were chasing, we lowerd for two without Success. Saw 15 Ships 3 of them got whales. So Ends. Lat 56.13.02 N Long 150.43.00 East

X

206

Monday May 16th

Begins with light airs from the N & W and fine pleasant weather the Ship laying in a place clear from Ice. at 6 AM fine breezes from the westward. we Stood to the North through the Ice as we could best pick our way. at noon lowerd for a whale Mr Johnson Struck him, while the boats was off the Ship ran into a large peice of Ice and Knocked off the Chocks of the Stem. at 2.30 PM took the whale to Ship got dinner and Worked on at 7 finished, and fixed the Stem, Cleaned up decks & went to boiling Saw 10 to 15 Ships several of them got whales we Saw 1 whale & got him. So Ends

Lat 66.40.51 N Long 150.42.30 East

80 Bbls W B Polar Whale

Tuesday May 17th

Begins with light wind from the W & N and good weather the Ship lying in the Ice at 7.30 AM Mr Penny Struck a large Whale, and he went under the Ice and took his line, his boat got Stove some by the whale when he Struck him the whale went with the Ice where it was so thick we could not get to him. Came onboard and coiled a new line. at 4 PM Mr Collins Struck one took him to the Ship and hoisted in the head Throat & lips, got supper and Set the watches. employed in boiling & Cleaning away the head. Saw 10 to 11 Ships the number of them got whales. The wind light from the westward & hazy weather So Ends Lat 66.36.33 N Long 150.38.45 East

Took Line L B Polar Whale

100 Bbls B B Polar Whale

207

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Wednesday May 18th

Begins with light wind Wind from the westward and over cast weather. at 7 AM Commenced cutting in the whales body, at 9 finished and made Sail and tacked round amongst the Ice looking for a whale. Saw one and the Republick's boats Struck him and parted his line and the whale went off. Saw 18 Ships none of them whaleing. at night I picked out a spot for the ship to lay in for the night. Employed in boiling to Ends

Thursday May 19th

Commences with light wind from the westward, and hazy weather, the Ship lying under short Sail, employed in boiling at 5 AM Saw a whale Mr Thompson Struck one and his line parted, the whale off in the Ice with 2 Irons, and a few fathoms of line. The Middle of the day, brisk breezes and some snow. The latter part strong breezes, Saw 18 Ships none took whales. at 1 PM spoke the Silas Richards of New Bedford Captain willcox nothing this season. at 7 PM took in Sail for the night to Ends

Line Parted W. Whale

Silas Richards

Friday May 20th

Begins with brisk breezes from the S & W and hazy weather the Ship lying under short Sail among the Ice. all imployed in boiling. at 7 AM broke out the fore hold to stow Oil the weather thick & snowing. at noon the Ice all disappeares, around the Ship I think it sunk. at 6 PM finishes stowing

202

for whale in the Ochotsk Sea. May 1853

past down - 160 Bbls and finished boiling - The wind South and thick Snow, at 8 PM Steered N.W. Saw several Ships to-day. no whales. So Ends

Saturday
May the 21 Begins with light airs and Calms from the South and thick Snowey Weather. The Middle part More pleasant, the wind from the North, worked the Ship to the N & E along the Ice. The latter part quite pleasant. Stowed 20 Bbls of Oil that was too hot yesterday. All the Sea that we have been whaleing in for the week past has sunk or gone out of sight in some way but their is heavy body of it at little to the N & W of that spot. Saw 20 to 21 Ships, 2 Cutting. Saw no whales. at 8 PM light wind from the N & W the Ship heading to the N & E So Ends

Lat 56.. 41.59 N Long 151.22.15 East

Sunday
May the 22nd Commences with light wind from the West and fine weather, Stood close into the Ice and at 8 PM Inward for a whale, Saw no more of him. at 4 PM Strong wind from S.W. Reefed the Topsails, and Stood off & on the Ice. The latter part More moderate Spoke the Bellesport of Mystic Capt Manwaring nothing this Season. at 7 PM brisk breezes from E.N.E and Hazy weather. Saw 18 to 20 Ships more whaleing. So Ends

Bellesport

Lat 56.56.45 N Long 152.17.45 East

209

Monday May the 23 This day begins with light wind from the Eastward and hazy weather the Ship lying close in to the Ice. at 5 AM saw a whale in the Ice where it was not prudent to go after him. worked the Ship to windward along the Ice. The watch imployed in cleaning bone. The middle of the day brisk breezes from E and more pleasant, at noon lowerd for a whale. saw nothing more of him. at 2 PM I saw, that we could get no further North for the Ice, and I kept off to the westward. the last of the day strong wind and cloudy weather. saw 20 to 30 Ships this day 3 Boiling and 1 picked up a dead whale. at 8 PM 2 reefed the Topsails So Ends. Spoke the Canton of N. Bedford Capt Canton } wing nothing this from Lat 57.02.23 N Long 152.20.45 East

Thursday May 24th All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from the N & E and very cold weather. saw a good many whales, the most of them going quick to the N & E we lowerd & Chased at times all day without success. saw a number of Ships take whales, one got 2 So Ends Lat 57.08.18 N Long 150.26.00 E

Wednesday May 25th Begins with brisk wind from the N & E, at 5 AM more moderate, lowerd for whale without success, at 10.30 stood close in to the Ice, at lowerd for a whale Mr Colvin struck at 1 PM took him to Ship. at 3.30 hoisted on, at 8 finished. Lights 120 B ● B Polar Whale } airs from the N & W and fine weather saw 8 or 10 Whale Lat 57.17.02 N Long 150.14.30 East 210

for whale in the Ochotsk Sea May 1853

Thursday May 26th Begins with light airs and Calms from the S & W and fine weather. Employed in Cleaning up decks and getting ready for boiling at 4 PM Started the works. The middle part light wind from SW Hauled to the N & E along the Ice. at Noon saw several whale in the Ice went for them. Aboat from the Arnolda put a dog Iron into one and that drove all of them off we ran along the Land more and no penny struck one. at 5 PM took him to ship, the Weather thick and snowing fast and blowing on strong got ready and hoisted on, at 10 finished. Strong gales from E and snowing like Vengance Close reefed the main Topsail, Cleared up the decks, and set the watches. The ship heading SSE. Saw 33 ships 1 got whales in sight of us. So Ends

Lat 57. 32. 23 N

Friday May 27th Commences with strong gales from E and a very thick snow storm, the Ship heading SE under a close reefed Main Topsail. at Noon Stoped Snowing and the wind abated Cleared away the whales head and went to boiling. Cleared the snow & Ice off the decks & rigging at 1.30 PM spoke the Canada of New Bedford Capt Ward nothing this season. The latter part Moderate and the weather rather Snowey Saw Several Ships So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Saturday
May 28th Commences with light winds from ESE and thick weather the Ship heading NE, employed in boiling at 6 AM Strong winds from E and thick snow storm, at 10 heavy gales stoped boiling, at noon veered Ship to SE by S. The last part more moderate, a heavy Sea going from SE. and a good many Codfish Chilled by the Sea and drifting on the water, Caught 36 with a Scoop net and boat hook. and half of a Whale boat. and 2 Ships

Sunday
May 29th Commences with Strong gales from E by N and thick Snowey weather the Ship heading SE by S. at 3.30 AM more moderate Veered Ship to NE and went to boiling; at 11 AM quite pleasant, broke out the after hold to stow Oil, put down 55 Bbls. and a good many Cod fish drifting about, lowerd a Boat and picked up about 50. The last part of the day light wind from NE the Ship heading ESE. and 8 or 10 Ships 2 got whales to Ours

Lat 58.00.02 North Long 149.14.45 East

Monday
May 30th Commences with light wind from NE. and cloudy weather the Ship heading ESE, employed in boiling, at 4 AM Stood close into the Ice and saw whales Mr Collins lowerd and fastened to one Slightly, he sounded heavy and the Iron came out. and saw more whale

Iron came out
B O B
Polar Whale

went in chase of them, and Mr Penney struck one, he went down and took his line, the boats followed him into the Ice, and succeeded in captureing him, at 10 AM got him to Ship, the weather pleasant and light airs from the S at Noon got ready and Commenced cutting at 5,30 PM finished. Cleared up decks and broke out the fore hold for cask to put Oil in and a number of whale in the Morning. Saw 10 or 12 Ships 3 Cutting. So Ends with light airs from the North and west, and fine weather

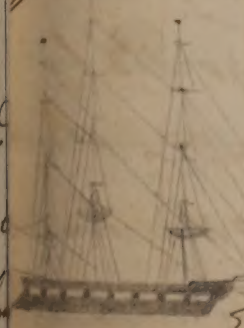
100 Bbls L B Polar Whale

Tuesday May 31 - Commences with fine pleasant weather, and light wind from the N by W. the Ship standing off and on the Ice, employed in boiling. At 5 AM lowerd for whales without success. Stowed 70 Bbls of Oil in the fore hold. At 3.30 lowerd for whale did not strike. At 7.30 Stood close into the Ice, Mr Thompson lowered and struck one, at 9.30 took him to the Ship and made him fast for the night. Saw 8 to 10 whale to day. Saw 20 Ships 5 Cut whale. So Ends light wind from NW and pleasant

Lat 57.48.43 N Long 149.55.15 East

75 Bbls Wh B Polar Whale

Wednesday June the 1 Begins with light wind from the NW and fine weather, the watches employed in boiling. at 7 AM Commenced cutting at 11 finished Cleared up decks and stowed 60 Bbls of Oil in the fore hold. Spoke the Natchez of New Bedford Captain Hall 3 Whales this season saw ten to twelve Ships none got a whale. saw saw a whale going quick. Saw the Land. Lat 57.45.50 Long 150.08.30 E



Natchez

× 913

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Thursday June the 2nd

Begins with light wind from the S & W and fine weather, the Ship Standing off and on the Ice, employed in boiling. at 5 PM, chased a whale without success, at ½ Inward for one and chased till Eleven with no better success, came onboard and broke out the after hold to stow Oil at 1 PM Inward for a whale, did not strike, at 3.30 Inward Mr Thompson struck one he went down quick & took his line from him, we chased him 10 Miles and he went into the Ice and we lost sight of him, came onboard and cleared up decks for the Night, stowed 35 Bbls of Oil to day. Spoke boats from the Nimrod, 3 Whale, and the boats from the Lancaster 2 whale this season and 12 to 15 Ships, one cut a whale. saw 6 to 8 Whale So Ends Lat 57° 43' 31" N Long 148° 50' 45" E

Took the Line W O Polar Whale

Friday June the 3d

Comes in with light airs from the S & W and fine weather, the people employed in boiling at 5 PM Mr Collins Inward for a whale. a number of them got together and he struck one with 2 Irons Stuck, he went down and the Boatsteerer held his line to haul & tore the Irons out and the whale went off. boats Came onboard and went to stowing down Oil in the after hold put down 40 Bbls of Oil and a quantity of bone at 5 PM Inward for whales Came in thick fog & the boats Came to Ships. saw 10 to 15 Whale to day. saw 12 to 15 Ships 2 took whales. So Ends with light airs from the North Lat 57° 43' 57" North

Irons came out B O B Polar Whale

in the Ochotsk Sea June 1853

Saturday June 4th — commences with Calm foggy weather The ship lying Close by the Ice employed in boiling at 1 PM wind came light from the Eastward & the fog lit up a little saw a whale; lowered and Mr Collins struck him with 2 Irons set in to the Socket, he stove the boat so she filled. bent an other line onto his, the whale sulking and tumbleing got the line round his flukes and parted it, a few fathoms from the Iron and went off with 2 Irons & nine 10 to 12 fathoms line Came in thick fog, picked up to boat and all things belonging to her and took them to ship. at 8 finished boiling saw one ship. so Ends this day of heard luck

Line Parted
P O B
Polar whale

Sunday June 5th — Begins with brisk breezes from the S & E very thick fog at breakfast time Commenced breaking out the main hatch to stow down Oil soon after we began we saw whales close in to the Ice. lowered 3 Boats, Mr Penney struck one he ran into the Ice and parted the line. saw none Mr Penney struck he went into the Ice but we succeeded in killing him and taking him to the ship. the wind light from SSE and thick foggy weather. at 8 PM knocked on at 9 finished. saw a goodmany whale to day. saw 6 or 8 ships 2 Cutting so Ends

Line Parted
L O B
Polar whale

90
L O B
Polar Whale

215

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

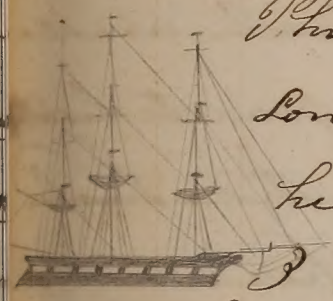
Monday June 6th — Commences with light winds from the S and thick fog, the Ship standing off and on the by the Ice, the watch imployed in clearing away the whales head, and cleaning up decks at day light commenced pumping fresh water from that Cask in the fore hold, and putting it in pipes, to get ready for stowing Oil. The middle and latter part of the day dark cloudy weather, saw several whale going quick to the S.W. at 4.30 PM finished stowing put down 100 Bbls, put 2 reefs in the Topsails. the wind from W.S.W & quite brisk saw 3 or 4 Ships So Ends

Tuesday June 7th — Begins with brisk breezes from the W & W and thick dark weather. the Ship standing off and on the Ice. at 6 AM light wind from the S & W. saw whales in the Ice got ready to go after them, came in thick fog came we could not see them. all imployed in boiling and stowing fresh water between decks, at 6 PM fog lift up some saw 2 Ships one boiling. So Ends

Wednesday June 8th — Begins with light wind from the S & W and dark hazy weather, the Ship lying close by the Ice, imployed in boiling, at 6 AM finished boiling, saw a whale going quick. The middle & latter part light Airs and hazy weather, saw a whale with an Iron in him Leward & Chased without success. saw 3 Ships. So Ends

for Whale in the Ochotsk Sea June 1853

Thursday June 9th All of these twenty four hours light baffling airs and calms from all points of the compass and foggy weather, the ship lying close the Ice Stowed down 90 Bbls of Oil and a quantity of bone in the fore hold, at Noon finished and went to setting up Pipes. at 1 PM Captain Phelps Came onboard from the Bengal of New London, had taken 7 whale this season he wanted a Fry Pot, Mine being broke I sold him one for sixty five dollars & took an order on N Fitch Esq at Honolulu I gave him some line to set it with and 4 Ships, but no whale to day. So Ends



Bengal

Friday June 10th Begins with Calm thick weather, the Ship lying close by the Ice. at 6 AM light wind from NNE and hazy weather, the Ship heading E. at 7 AM Kept off to the SW. soon came to the Ice where it was very heavy Could find no passage through. at Noon tacked to the NNE, took breezes from the NW and more clear so that we were priveledged with getting a meredean altitude of the Sun quite correct took in the bow Boat and went to mending Sail. The latter part of the day fresh breezes from NW to WNW and very thick fog double reefed the Topsails and took in the Jib the Ship heading NNE to NE. Saw 30 or 4 Ships in the morning So Ends

Lat 57°-27'-21 North Long 149°-24'-00 East

217

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Conn

Saturday June 11th — Begins with strong winds from NW to WSW and thick fog. The ship heading to the N under double reefs topsails. At 8 AM light winds and clear weather steered N E, at 10 steered S E. light airs from the westward. Employed in mending Bow Boat and setting up pipes. The latter part light airs and Calms from the South. Finished mending the boat and put her on the Crains, and Nothing. So Ends

Lat 58°16'31" N Long 150°08'00" E

Sunday June 12th — Commences with light wind from WSW and clear weather, the ship heading S. At 8 AM steered SE. At Noon stood close in to the Ice, saw a whale. lowered 3 Boats for him Mr Penny Struck and he took his line. he came up and got fast and killed him, he went down & died, under water, we hauled him up and took him to the Ship. hoisted on and steered Ship and towed him out of the Ice. got dinner, and got ready for cutting. at 8 PM Commenced, at 10 finished. Brisk wind from SW. saw several whale. saw 10 to 12 Ships 1 Boiling. So Ends

Lat 57°32'16" N Long 150°28'00" E

115
L B
Polar Whale

7/18

ing for Whale in the Ochotsk Sea June 1859

Monday June 13th Begins with brisk breezes from the SW and fine weather, the Ship lying close by the Ice. The watches imployed in clearing away the head of bone, and cleaning up decks. at 4 PM came in thick fog, at 8 started the try works. the Cooper setting up pipes. In the Morning before the fog came in we saw 4 Ships 2 of them boiling. The day ends with thick fog and light winds from the S & W, the ship lying with the main Topsail aback.

Tuesday June 14th All of these twenty four hours light airs and calms from the S & W and thick fog, the Ship lying with the main Topsail aback veering round every six hours, imployed in boiling saw 2 or 3 Ships pass close by. heard whales blow. So Ends

Wednesday June 15th All of these twenty four hours light airs and calms from the westward and thick fog. at noon we finished boiling, the whale made 115 Bbls. So Ends

Thursday June 16th Begins with light winds from the westward and thick fog, at 4 AM commenced taking out the main hatch to stow oil. at 11 AM fog lit up. Made sail & stood to the North, at 1 PM bore away for whales, without success, at 2,30 bore away with no better success, came in thick fog. finished stowing, put down 115 Bbls and some bone. saw 8 to 10 Ships, saw one cutting a dead whale, at 6 PM fog lit up some two whales going quick. the Sea close by. So Ends Lat 57.18. North Long 154.11.45 East

X

319

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington cruising

Friday June 17th Begins with light wind from the S.S.W and thick fog, the ship lying with the main topsail aback close by the Ice. at 9 AM fog lit up some and whales, and lowerd for them, the fog off more, and I saw the most Polar whale that I ever saw, at one time in my life. we used all the skill, we possess without success and several ships had no better success, the whales went off and the fog came in gut thick. At noon an officer came onboard from the Bark Asia of Havre. wishing me to go onboard and see the Captain, he had

Asia

got hurt that morning with one of Greenes whaleing guns, when he fired at a whale the gun hung on a pivot in the box of the boat and when Captain Lehevre fired she capsized and struck the Muzzle on his Collar bone Fracturing it very bad I found him in considerable pain, Mr Penny went onboard and did it up for him, he knew how to do it having had it seen broke last Voyage. They had taken 5 whale this season in the after noon fog lit up some, stood in among some small Ice and saw whale at 5 PM lowered Mr Thompson struck a large Cow. at 7 took her to Ship, the wind light from the South and thick fog 10 to 11 Ships 4 got whales. The Ice sinks very fast there is but a few peices, at Sunset when there was a large body this morning. 24 Boats, there twenty four boats

140
W B
Polar Whale

for Whale in the Ochotsk Sea, June 1853

Saturday June 18th — Commences with light wind from the south and thick fog, the ship lying with a whale, at 2.30 AM called all hands and got ready for cutting, at 5 hooked on. at 11 finished. at 3 PM Captain Stot from the Northern Light came onboard had taken 8 whales and picked up 3 this season. Captain Allen of the Pacific of N. Bedford came onboard, had taken 8 whales and picked up 2. The latter part light baffling winds from the Eastward and thick fog. went to boiling. So Ends

Pacific
N. Light

Sunday June 19th — Begins with light baffling airs from the East and thick fog. worked the ship to the N & E. at 8 AM light wind from the North and fine pleasant weather, the land in sight. saw 15 to 20 Ships 3 or 4 cutting we saw 10 to 20 whale and chased without success — the whales working out from the last part light airs & calms So Ends

Lat 57.45.01 N Long 151.33.00 East

Monday June 20th — Commences with light baffling airs and calms and fine pleasant weather. the ship working to the S & W, employed in boiling. the Middle part pleasant breezes from SW, the ship heading SSE, saw 2 or 3 whales going quick, at 9 AM spoke the Mount Vernon of New Bedford Captain Nye 3 whale this season. the last part light wind from W the ship heading SSW saw 8 to 10 Ships. So Ends

Mount Vernon

Lat 57.33.28 N Long 152.36.30 East

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Tuesday June the 21 All of these twenty four hours light winds and calms from the N to E and good weather, steered to the S & W. employed in stowing oil in the after hatch. put down 80 Bbls and some bone, at 7 PM saw a whale could not tell what it was. So Ends

Lat 56.35.32 N Long 152.16.45 East

Wednesday June the 22 Begins with light winds from the Eastward and hazy weather, steered SW. at 6 AM brisk breezes from the N & E. saw a Right whale, he got into the Ships wake and started quick to the windward. the middle of the day, strong winds from the people employed in cleaning bone the cooper setting up pipes. at noon thick fog hauled the ship by the wind heading WSW. took in topgallant sails and put 2 reefs in the topsails. at 3 PM clear weather and more moderate let reefs out the topsails. So Ends

Lat. 55.25.00 N Long 150.37.15 East

Thursday June the 23 Commences with brisk breezes from the North and clear weather, the ship heading WSW. the middle part light airs from N W steered N E, employed in stowing oil in the main hatch. stowed 80 Bbls at noon finished. the latter part light baffling airs & Calms from the South & west. stowed some fresh water between decks. the cooper setting up pipes saw finbacks So Ends Lat 55.59.57 N Long 148.27.00 East

727

for whale in the Ochotsk Sea June 1853

Friday June 24th — Begins with light wind from the S & E and good weather, steered N by E. The Middle part strong wind and squally from S S W, steered N E, employed in setting up Pipes. at 10 AM saw a Right whale, at 2 lowered 3 Boats for him, it was rugged and blowing strong. I went in the head of My boat, with an Iron & Lance up I went onto him & killed him, but did not get fast, he went to windward, we soon got fast and he turned up dead, at 5 PM got him to ship and got ready for cutting, at 9 Veered Ship and hooked on, quite a heavy sea going and a thick fog. got the head throat & lips in and left him for the night. the wind light from the N & W. So Ends

100 S B Right Whale

Lat 56.58.00 N Long 150.58.00 East

Saturday June 25th — Commences with light wind from the N E and fine weather, at 3 AM Commenced cutting at 5,30 finished and made sail heading N N W. at 8 AM Calm and thick fog at Noon light airs from the S W. Steered N E by E. at 4.30 PM cleared off. saw some old carcases, fat lean &c. saw a Sunback So Ends

Sunday June the 26 — Begins with brisk wind from S W and cloudy weather. the standing to the N E, Cape Olivin in sight. saw a Ship steering E & E at 2.30 AM thick fog and strong wind: 2 reefed the Topsails and veered Ship to the

179

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington bound for

South with head yards, aback. at 7 veered to W by N & NW & made Sail. at Noon More clear. The latter part thick fog. at 5 PM judged the Ship Close to the land, and tacked to the South with main Topsail aback. So Ends this day and the thirty ninth year of My life. I Pray God to give me a heart filled with thankfulness to him for his long suffering and tender Mercy over and to me in sparing My life so many years, through dangers seen & unseen

Monday
June 27th Commences with light wind from the westward and thick fog, the Ship lying with the main Topsail aback heading to the South. The Middle part hard breezes from E and very thick weather. got the chains up and bent them. The latter part strong Gales and dark Cloudy weather, the Ship under double reefed Topsails heading to the N & E, Cape Chiveen in sight at 8 PM Veered Ship to the S & E and took in the foresail and 2 Ships. So Ends

Tuesday
June 28th Begins with strong Gales from E and dark cloudy weather, the Ship heading to SE under double reefed Topsails fib and Foresail in, at 8.30 AM, spoke the Margaret Scott of New Bedford captain Eldredg Oil not Stated. at 1 PM more moderate, Veered Ship to N E & sent to boiling Cape Chiveen in sight bearing N W by W. At 7 PM veered to S E. So Ends Lat at noon about 38.25.00 North

Margaret Scott

Whale in the Ochotsk Sea June 1843

Wednesday June 29th — Begins with strong winds from E to E S E & thick hazy weather, the Ship heading to the S & E, under double reefed Topsails and foresail, employed in boiling, at 4 P M more moderate veered Ship to the North. The middle part light wind and quite pleasant the latter part light airs and Calm & hazy weather, at 8 P M Stood close into the land to the East of Cape Oliver and tacked to the South. Saw no whale nor Ships So Ends

Lat 58° 16' 13" N Long 152° 30' 00" East

Thursday June 30th — Begins with light wind from the Eastward and hazy weather; the Ship close in to the land employed in boiling. at 2 P M strong winds and some rain, reefed the Topsails at 4 P M heavy gales and thick rainy weather, put the Ship under close reefed Main Topsail, and stoped boiling. the Ship heading S S E to S E. The latter part more moderate. So Ends

Friday July the 1- — Commences with strong gales from E and thick weather, the Ship heading S S E under close reefed Main Topsail. The middle part more moderate veered Ship to the N and set the Foresail The latter part more pleasant made more sail. at 6 P M Stood close into the land & Kept off to run round an Island in the Bay to the west of Cape Oliver. went to boiling. Saw Pillars. So Ends

2 2 3

Ships Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Saturday July 2nd

Begins with light wind from the Eastward and hazy weather, the Ship lying close to the Land employed in boiling, at 8 PM finished. The middle part Calm the latter part light wind from the S & E. Spoke the Cemulgee of Fisbury Captain Cattle & whale this season. and the Cincinnati of Stonington Captain Williams, nothing this season. and Californian grays. saw 12 to 15 Ships & Barks

Cincinnati
Cemulgee

Lat 59°. 01. 53 N Long 150°. 18°. 00 East

Sunday July 3d

The first and middle part of this day light baffling airs and Calms, and fine weather at 10 AM Captain williams came onboard to spend the day with me, we made up our minds to go up to the head of the bay and get some wood as there was no whale in the bay, at this time.

The latter part light airs from the westward, we steered to the N & E. Spoke the Bark Isabella of New Bedford Captain Smally 4 whale and 10 to 12 Ships & Barks

Isabella

Lat 59°. 13°. 01 N Long 150°. 07°. 30 East

Monday July 4th

Begins with light baffling airs & Calms and fine pleasant weather the Ship lying close to the land. The middle part Calm, strewed down 100 Bbls of Oil in the fore hold. at 3 PM light wind from the S & W at 5 PM Came to anchor in a bay in 8 fathoms water in Company with the Cincinnati

726

X

for whale in the Ochotsk Sea July 1853

Tuesday July 5th — All of these twenty four hours light baffling winds and Calms from all points of the Compass
X — Saw 10 to 20 Whale & Chased without success. Got off some wood. ~~So~~ Ends

Wednesday July 6th — All of these twenty four hours light baffling airs and Calms, with fine pleasant weather. Saw
X — a plenty of whale, the most of them very small, and all very wild we Chased without success. the Cincinnata got one. we got off some wood. So Ends. got 1500 lbs of Bone from the Cincinnata

Thursday July 7th — These twenty four hours begins with Calm hazy weather. Sent 2 Boats up the bay to look for whale, and one went in not
far from the Ship, at noon the returned saw no whales. The latter part clear weather and baffling wind. we cleaned the Ship saw 10 to 12 Ships. at dark, boats not back. So Ends

Friday July 8th — Begins with Calm pleasant weather. at 5 AM
went in with 2 Boats. Saw one whale going quick, at 10 AM Came onboard and went to cleaning bone. The Middle part weather cloudy and one rain, the wind strong from the S & W. at noon the boats Came back from
+ the head of the bay, they reported whale plenty but very small & wild. The latter part of the day pleasant. Saw 6 to 8 Ships, So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Saturday July 9th — Begins with light wind from the S & W. and fine weather. at 6 AM took up the anchor and stood across the bay to the N & E. at 1,30 PM came too in 12 fathoms water, and went in shore to look for whale. saw several and chased without success. I landed and bought 65 Salmon, and paid for them in + Calico, at 6,30 came onboard, at 8 stuck for saw 10 to 15 Whale & 6 to 8 Ships in Ends

Sunday July 10th — Commences with brisk baffling breezes from the N & E and showery, went in shore with 3 boats saw several whale, started at one but did not get fast. at 3 PM went in and chased. Mr Thompson struck a small one, at dark took line to Ship saw 10 to 15 Whale & several Ships the Arctic took a whale in Ends

30 W ● B Polar Whale

Monday July 11th — The most of these twenty four hours baffling wind from the Eastward, at 1,30 AM went inshore & chased whale without success at Noon came off and cut in the whal. I went in to the landing & got 2 Bbls of Salmon (fresh) and some milk and whalebone, and paid for it in Callico & Soap. at 6 went in and looked for whale, the Rodman boats took one, in Ends

228

for whale in the Ochotsk Sea July 1853

Tuesday July 12th The first part of this day baffling wind from the Eastward and pleasant weather. at 5 AM sent 2 Boats in for whales they saw a number and chased without succes. Broke out the Sail room to see if their was any rats in it, found one, had not eaten the sails. The Middle of the day, strong winds and squally; the latter part rainy. So Ends

Wednesday July 13th Commences with strong gales from E&N E and squally, at 2 AM heavy gales. the Ship began to drag, called all hands & let go the Starboard anchor and Moored her. at 1.30 PM, More moderate hove up the larboard anchor, the weather thick and raing. at 8 light wind and a whale inshoar, went in with 3 Boats saw nothing more of him. So Ends

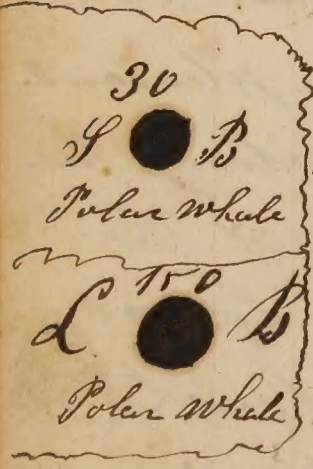
Thursday July 14th Begins with light wind from the S & E and fine weather, at 3 AM got breakfast and sent 3 Boats inshoar to look for whales. 3 stopped onboard, got ready and went to boiling. The Middle of the day thick fog. Boats came back, saw nothing. The last part pleasant weather. saw 2 whale going quick, along the land to the westward. Some of the natives came onboard with a lot of Fish and some whale Bone, I bought all and paid with Calico. 10 PM finished boiling, the whale made 30 Bbls So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Friday July 15th — Begins with light wind from the North and pleasant weather, at 4 AM called all hands and hove up the anchor, to work out of the bay, the middle part light wind from the S & W. the latter part strong wind from S W we stood over to the South side of the bay, found 8 ships lying to anchor, 3 Boiling. the blew so strong double reefed the Topsails, and hauled up the Foresail for the Nitch, the Ship standing off and on through the Night, So Ends

Saturday July 16th — Commences with strong wind from the S & W the ship lying off and on the land, at 8 AM stood close in and came to anchor sent 2 Boats in to look for whale, at noon they came back saw nothing, the wind blowing Strong. the latter part, all employed in setting a Try Pot, 9 Ships lying to anchor one cut a whale that was taken yesterday. at Sunset more Moderate So Ends

Sunday July 17th — Begins with light from the North and Clouday weather. at 5 AM went in to the shore with 4 Boats to look for whale. Two went up the gulf and 2 out towards Cape Olivia. I struck and killed one small whale and anchored him the tide a head to go to the Ship. M Penny struck and killed a large whale, he ran a long distance out from we got the ship underway to go after him the wind light and baffling, could not get to him with ship, & we anchored him So Ends

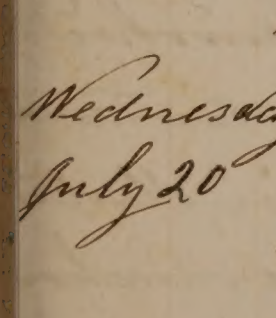


7 30

Monday July 18th

Commences with light baffling airs and calms, and thick fog. at ½ AM got the whale to the Ship and got ready for cutting, at 5 hooked on, at 6 found a dead whale I went to him with My Boat and found him to be a good whale, I towed him to the Ship. at 11.30 finished the fresh whale, cleared the bone away and got ready for cutting the one we picked up at 2 PM hooked on, at 6 finished. Spoke the Natchez of New Bedford Captain Hall 9 whale This season light baffling wind & some fog. So Ends

Found 90 dead Polar Whale



Natchez

Tuesday July 19th

Begins with light baffling wind and some fog. worked the Ship in to the anchorage, at 8 AM came to in 22 fathoms water. I went to the whale, we had anchored and found all safe. I left him be at anchor, not wishing to cut him untill I had boiled out the whale we picked up. The latter part of the day strong gales from the S&W the Ship started to drag, and we let go the big anchor, and brought her up So Ends. Employed in boiling and setting up Pipes

Thirteen years ago to day, I was married to My beloved Wife

Wednesday July 20

Commences with strong gales from the south & West, and clear weather. all employed in boiling, and setting up Hooks. The Middle part light baffling wind, took the whale to the Ship and cut him in. The last part brisk breezes from the Eastward and no whales So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Thursday July the 21 Begins with Strong winds from the S & W and good weather, all imployed in boiling, Coopering oil, Setting up pipes &c. The last half of the day More moderate Stowed 75 Bbls of Oil in the fore hold which Chocked it off, I went onboard of the Orozimbo of New Bedford and got 4 divers, So Ends

Friday July the 22nd Commences with Calm foggy weather all imployed in boiling &c. at 7 AM Commenced heaveing up the Starboard anchor, got a very heavy Strane on it and the Cast Iron beame attached to the windles gear, broke where the heave Ships in. I went onboard of the Orozimbo and got a band made for it, and hove up the anchor, it had a large bit of the other Chain wound round it makeing a great Sheaft to heave up. 13 Ships to anchor So Ends

Saturday July 23d Begins with Calm hazy weather, the watch imployed in boiling, at 8 AM finished. at 4 AM Strong Gales from the Eastward at 8 heavy Gales & squaly, the Ship Started to drag, we let go the Starboard anchor and brought her up. all hands imployed in Stowing Oil and cleaning bone. Stowed 85 Bbls in the Main hatch and filled it The last of the day More moderate. So Ends

Two years ago to day I left my Beloved wife & family

Whaleing in the Ochotsk Sea. July 1853

Sunday July 24th — The first and middle part of this day light baffling winds and thick rainy weather. hove up the Starboard anchor. The latter part, Calm and more pleasant, went in shoar with 3 Boats to look for whale, saw none, at 6,30 Came to Ship So Ends

Monday July 25th — The most of these twenty-four hours Calm foggy weather. sent 2 boats in to look for whale saw none. we saw one from the Ship. The Cooper employed in fetting Bbls. So Ends

Tuesday July 26th — All of these twenty-four hours Calm and thick fog all employed in stowing Oil between decks aft. put down 19 Pipes and 2 short Casks, Containing abount 145 Bbls, at 6.30 PM finished.

After breakfast this Morning some of the green hands came aft, and said they had Made up their minds that the Oil we had onboard, and that we Shipped from the Sandwich Islands, was enough to fill the Ship, and Voyage at an end, and said if they whaled any more they wanted a better lay. I told them the Voyage was up when the Ship arrives at Stonington. I read the articles to them and they went to work. I have heared no more of it. but know not what the end will be. I wish to go straight forward and that they do so

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Whaleing

Wednesday July 27th — This day begins with Calm foggy weather. at 7 AM light airs from the South, the fog lit up we made sail and hove up over anchor, intending to take a look for whale out side, but the wind all died away, and we could not get out. all hands imployed in cleaning and drying bone. at 3 PM brisk breezes from the South and foggy, & concluded to go over the North side of the bay. we steered to the N & W. The last part light wind and very thick. So Ends

Thursday July 28th — Begins with Calm foggy weather, the Ship lying at anchor, near the land the North side of the bay. at 4 AM called all hands got breakfast, and went to washing the Ship. at 1 PM went in with 2 boats and got some sand for coopering. at 3 fog clear'd off, got the Ship underweigh and stood over towards the South side of the bay, with brisk breezes from the S & W and thick fog at times. Sand & Ships 2 Boiling So Ends

Friday July 29th — Commences with light wind from the S & W and quite good weather, worked the Ship to windward, at 6 AM thick fog and brisk breezes, at 10 thick and raining, at Noon ran to leeward of Wheaton Isld, The middle & latter part thick and raining Sand 15 to 18 Ships 2 or 3 Boiling. So Ends

Saturday July 30th

All of these twenty four hours baffling wind and calms, with thick dirty weather. the ship close in to Onhead Island & called. saw 3 or 4 whale, and chased without success. saw 6 to 10 Ships to Ends

+

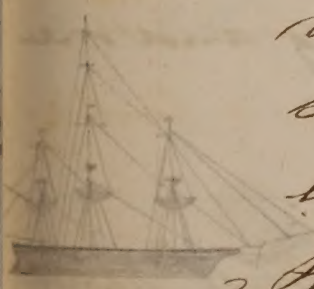
Sunday July the 31.

The first and middle part of this day, thick squealy rainy weather. the latter part rather better. at 5 PM saw whales, lowered 3 Boats and Mr Collins struck a very large cow at dark took her to the ship. the weather thick and rainy, with light wind from the Eastward. the ship close to the land. saw 6 to 8 whale, and 8 to 10 Ships 4 or 5 at anchor. so Ends

150 B ● B Polar Whale

Monday Aug the 1

Begins with light wind from the East and thick rainy weather. at 2 PM called all hands to get ready for cutting the whale, at 5 hooked on, at 11 finished, made sail and headed to the East the wind light from the N & E and rainy. at 3.30 PM spoke the Arctic of Fairhaven Captain Gelett 4 Whale this season. at 6 PM saw a whale going quick to windward saw 2 Ships to Ends



Arctic

Tuesday Aug the 2nd

The first part light airs from the N & E and thick rainy weather. The Middle part Calm and quite pleasant went to boiling saw a good many whales, and chased them without success. the latter part light baffling wind and some fog. saw 10 Ships 1 Boiling. so Ends

X 135

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Wednesday Aug 3d — These twenty four-hours begins with light baffling airs and calms, and some fog, all imployed in boiling and setting up Shooks. The Middle part rainy. The latter part more pleasant, saw several whale to day and chased, without Success. Saw 17 Ships, 2 boiling. So Ends

Thursday Aug 4th — Comes in with Calm pleasant weather. The middle part foggy. Stowed 25 Bbls of Oil in the run. at 5 PM Came to anchor in Janete Harbor, finished boiling, and cleared up decks. Saw 25 to 28 Ships to day 2 or 3 Boiling Saw no whale. So Ends, with light airs from S&E

Friday Aug 5th — All of this day, light baffling wind and some fog. Sent 2 boats in shore to look for whale. The rest imployed in stowing Oil in the after hold, stowed about 60 Bbls at dark boats came back, saw 1 whale. saw a number of Ships 1 boiling and one got a whale. So Ends

Saturday Aug 6th — Begins with Calm foggy weather, all hands imployed in stowing Oil between decks. Stowed 65 Bbls, at 9 PM finished, The latter part light wind from the S&W and hazy weather, hove up the anchor to go out shore, the wind died away and we anchored again So Ends

for Whale in the Ochotsk Sea August 1853

Sunday Aug 7th Commences with Calm hazy weather, went in Shoar with 4 Boats to look for whale. Saw none, at noon light airs from the South, got the Ship underweigh and worked out of the harbor. The latter part light wind and baffling saw 3 or 4 whale and Chased without Success. Saw 15 to 20 Ships 1 Boiling. So Ends

Monday Aug 8th Begins with Calm foggy weather, the Ship lying close in with the land, at 8 AM light airs from the westward and clear weather. At 9 Saw whales lowered 3 Boats and chased without Success. I saw one to windward of the Ship, and I went off and struck him, the other boats came to me & we towed him to the Ship. The latter part fine weather, all employed in cutting, at 6.30 finished saw 20 to 25 Ships 6 or 8 Boiling and one got a whale. So Ends

120 I B Polar Whale

Tuesday Aug 9th This day begins with calms and baffling airs and fine pleasant weather. The watch employed in boiling. The middle part, weather the same I went onboard of the Orazimbo and got some Flags. I Sold Captain Johnson 108 feet of Bars and a Cask of Molasses Containing about 100 Gallons, his Boat came onboard and got it, the latter part light wind from the S & W. Saw one whale and Chased without Success. Saw 15 to 20 Ships 8 Boiling. So Ends

137

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Wednesday
Aug 10th

The first part light wind from the S & W and hazy weather, the Ship Close in to the land. The middle and latter parts light baffling airs and calms from the westward. Spoke the Huntsville of Coldspring Captain Smith 13 Whale this Season, at 12 Midnight finished boiling Sam one whale. Saw 15 to 20 Ships 2 Boiling none cutting. So Ends

Huntsville

Thursday
Aug 11th

Begins with light airs and calms and pleasant weather. the Ship Close in to Cowhead Island at ½ AM got breakfast and sent 3 Boats in to look for whale. Saw none, but got, from 3 to 4 hundred fine fish, at 10 came off, at 11 light wind from the SW, Stood over towards the Main land. Saw several whale chased time without success. Saw the Bark Rajah take one. The latter part of the day brisk breezes & hazy weather. Spoke the Enterprise of New Bedford Captain Jernegan 11 whale this Season. Saw 20 to 25 Ships. So Ends

Enterprise

Friday
Aug 12th

All of these twenty four hours light wind and Calms from the S & W and cloudy weather All imployed in Stowing Oil between decks. Stowed 120 Bbls. Saw whales, 3 Inward and Shore without success. Saw 15 to 20 Ships 2 or 3 Boiling and one took a whale So Ends

Whaleing in the Ochotsk Sea Aug 1853

Saturday Aug 13th — The first part light wind from the S & W and Cloudy weather. The Middle part brisk breezes from the Eastward Stood Close in to West bay and fog Island. Saw a good Many Caleforneia grays & Saw 4 Ships to anchor. The latter part Strong wind from the Eastward, Stood over to the W & Side of NW bay Saw 2 Ships Cutting. Saw a whale breaching, looked like a Polar whale & Ends, there Twenty four hours

+

Sunday Aug 14th — The first and middle part Strong gales from the Eastward and thick Squaly weather. The Latter part light wind from the South and more pleasant. Saw a whale and chased without Success. Saw 11 to 20 Ships 3 Boiling. & Ends

+

Monday Aug 15th — The first part Calm pleasant weather. The latter part light wind from the S & W. the Ship Close to the land, the North Side of the Bay. Saw a whale and chased without Success. Saw 20 to 25 Ships 4 to 5 Boiling 1 Cutting & Ends Lat 59. 30. W d

X

Tuesday Aug 16th — All of these Twenty four hours light baffling airs and Calm, and thick fog. the Coopers employed in setting up pipes & Ends

Wednesday Aug 17th — Begins with Calm foggy weather, the Ship lying in Gavrisk bay. The middle of the day light wind from the S & E. Saw whales and chased without Success. at 3 PM Strong gales from the Eastward and thick rainy

+ 239

weather. parted the fore rope to the jib and split the sail very bad. Got the Topsail reefed and stood off Shoar heading SE. at 6 PM wind hauled to the S & E and more plesant at 8 Set hull fore & main Topsails, and Steered Ship to the North. Saw 10 to 15 Ships 2 or 3 Boiling Saw 2 or 3 Polar whale. So Ends

Thursday Aug 18th

Begins with light baffling airs & calms, at 6.30 AM Sent 2 Boats in shoar to look for whale. at noon it being calm and the sea throwing the Ship in shoar Dropped anchor in 14 fathoms water. at 2 PM the wind came light from the South Sent up the anchor. at 4 30 Sent whales Parted Fore Boat Polar whale

Loward for them, I struck a large one and both Iron Straps parted and he went off. at dark the boats came back from inshoar, Reported seeing many small whale could not strike I Saw 40 to 60 large and small. Saw 20 to 25 Ships 5 Boiling Mr Wilcox came onboard from the Cincinnati had taken 3 whale since we saw them So Ends these twenty four hours

My Dear wife if living is 35 years old to day

Friday Aug 19

All of these twenty four hours light baffling airs and calms, Sent 3 Boats inshoar to look for whale. Saw several small ones did not strike. Saw a good many Ships none boiling. I went onboard of the Cincinnati. So Ends

X

240

Saturday Aug 20th

The first part Calm pleasant weather. The Middle part light wind from the westward saw a whale and chased without success. The latter part brisk breezes from the South & west, saw nine whales, and chased with no better success. Saw about 20 Ships none of them boiling. One pickked up a dead whale, So Ends working the ship in for fog Islands. Lat 55.28.00 North

Sunday Aug 21st

This day begins with brisk breezes from the S&W. worked the ship in for fog Islands. at 5 AM light wind from the S&E. saw whales, towards and chased could not strike came onboard, got breakfast, and stood in between the fog Islands and the main land saw several whale, and chased without success, At noon brisk breezes from the SW and fine fog, we stood over to North head saw a whale anchored belonging to the Canton of New Bedford She came and took him at dark the wind E saw 6 Ships 1 Boiling. saw 15 to 20 Whale So Ends. After writeing last night, the wind died away and the fog was very thick, and the currant running very Strong, we got fowl of the Canton of New Bedford at 11 oclock and carried away our fore jib boom and some of the small guies. Parted 2 of his fore thrords and Stove his Larboard boat & broke the day he was at anchor with his whale. We disagreed clear of him and came to anchor, and cleared away the broken gear

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Monday Aug 22 ond — The first and middle part Calm foggy weather, all hands employed in getting out a gib boom, and fixing the gear. The latter part pleasant, got all the head gear out and set up. Captain Wing Come onboard, and I Sold him a new Boat for 80 dollars. And a number of Ships one Boiling. And 102 Boheads. So Ends

Tuesday Aug 23d — Begins with, Calm pleasant weather, At 4 AM got breakfast and sent 2 Boats inshore to look for whale. I and whales and went for them, could not strike, at 11 came to the Ship and got under way, the light part from the SW. Stood in to the land and Chased more whale without success. at dark the other boats Come back, had seen a number of whale but could not strike them. Some Russians Came onboard with a fine lot of Salmon, and I bought them and paid them in Calico. So Ends

Wednesday Aug 24th — Commences with light baffling airs and calms and pleasant weather the Ship Close in to Cape North. The middle part light wind from the S&W, Stood up the bay. and 2 whale going very quick. The latter part, baffling winds. The Natives Came off with some Salmon and I bought them 110 in number, I went onboard of the Rodman they were boiling their y th whales So Ends

242

Whaleing in the Ochotsk Sea Aug 1853

Thursday Aug 25th — The first part of this day light winds from the Eastward and hazy weather. The middle part light winds from the westward, and foggy. The latter part pleasant. Saw a large whale with 2 Boats in Line, lowered and chased him could not get fast. Saw 25 Ships 3 Boiling. at dark the Ship close to Smiths Island So Ends

Friday Aug 26th — Begins with brisk breezes from the south and cloudy weather. The Middle and latter part strong winds from the SE. and unpleasant weather, Saw a number of whale and chased without success. Saw 15 to 20 Ships none boiling So Ends

Saturday Aug 27th — All of these twenty four hours strong gales from the S & E and cloudy weather, the Ship under short sail standing back and forth between Sebead Island and Cape Horn. Saw a whale Sportailing. Saw 10 to 15 Ships. So Ends

Sunday Aug 28th — Begins with strong winds from E & E and thick rainy weather. the Ship between Sebead Island and Cape Horn. The wind increased very fast. split the fore Topsail furled the mizzen and close reefed the Main, the Ship heading S E. a bad sea from the South. at 8 AM set close reefed mizzen Topsail and Spanker. at 3 PM bent & set the fore Topsail Close reefed. and reefed Ship to the S & E at 6 set Mainsail & fit. & 2 reefed Topsails So Ends

243

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Whale

Monday Aug 29th — The first part strong breezes from the N & E and cloudy weather. worked the ship to windward for Bohead Island. the middle part light wind and fine weather at noon stood close in to the Island. sent 2 Boats in to look for whale. the latter part light ~~baffle~~ airs and Calms. at 6 PM the boats came off with a fine lot of Codfish & Grooper and no whale. saw 7 Ships and a Deal of Killers to day. So Ends

Tuesday Aug 30th — Begins with light airs from the South and fine weather, the ship lying close in to Bohead Island, at daylight stood over for Cape Horn. the Middle part Calm and foggy. the latter part brisk breezes from the S & W. saw no whales and the ships around doeing nothing. I thought we had better improove the time to get some wood and good water owers being very bad. at 5 PM Came to anchor in Cincinnati harbor in 11 fathoms water got supper and got off 3 boat load of wood. the weather cloudy and wet So Ends

Wednesday Aug the 31 — All of these twenty four hours light baffling winds and Calms. all hands imployed in getting off wood and water got 2 casks of water and 6 boat load of wood So Ends

ing in The Ochotsk Sea Aug & Sept 1853

Thursday Sept the 1 Commences with light airs from the S & W and thick fog, at daylight got the ship under way and stood out into the bay. The Middle & latter part light winds from the South & west and cloudy weather, saw 9 ships none whaleing or boiling. saw no whale So Ends

Friday Sept the 2 Begins with light wind from the S & W and thick weather. The Middle part light baffling airs and calms. The latter part light wind from the westward, saw several whale and chased without success. saw 23 Ships, 2 boiling. So Ends

Saturday Sept the 3d Commences with light wind from the N & E and good weather, at 10 AM lowerd for whales and Mr Penny struck one. at 1 PM took line to the ship. the wind brisk from the S & W. at 8 PM got ready and went to cutting. at 7.30 finished. the wind light from the Eastward. saw 20 to 25 Ships 2 Boiling and 3 took whales. So Ends

110 L B Polar whale

Sunday Sept 4th Begins with light wind from the S & E and cloudy weather, the watches employed in clearing up decks, and cutting up the whales head. at 7 AM strong gales from S E and thick weather. at 10 AM stood into Jannette harbor and came to anchor in 25 fathoms. found 5 other ships at anchor. we went to boiling. the wind hauled to S E & rained heavy. stoped boiling. So Ends

345

Ship Betsey Williams. of Stonington whaleing

Monday Sept 5th — Begins with strong wind from S E and thick weather. at ½ P M Calm & pleasant, went to boiling. at 6 P M light wind from the North. got the Ship under way and stood out of the harbor, at 8 strong wind, put the Ship under short Sail and stood over to the west side of the bay, sat dark picked up 2 boats and crews, belonging to the daniel wood of New Bedford. they had a whale anchord, and the Ship was lying in Smiths Harbor about 20 miles from them we hoisted their boats up and stood over for the East side of the bay, where their Ship was lying in the above named harbor. the

X

Tuesday Sept 6th — wind blowing heavy. at daylight gave moderate stood handy in to the harbor and they went to their Ship. the Middle of the day light wind from the S & W and a good many whales, and chased [illegible] Success, the latter part Calm and 20 to 25 Ships 3 Boiling and 2 got whale. So. Ends.

I would here remark that the above is 2 days time, as may be seen by the line drawn from the 6th of September, to the right

Wednesday Sept 7th — The first half of these twenty four hours light winds and calms from the North. Finishes boiling and went in shore to look for whales saw a number of small ones could not strike. the last half light wind & Calms from the S & W, stood

+ 2 Pipes, 16 Bbls oil in the blubber room and whales and Chaser Cleaned the whale bone. So. Ends

Thursday Sept 8th — All of these twenty four hours light baffling wind and fine weather. Stowed 9 Pipes of Oil containing 60 Bbls of Oil. At dark Stood close over to Bohead Island. Saw no whales to day; Saw 12 to 15 Ships 8 Boiling. So Ends

Friday Sept 9th — Begins with light airs from the Eastward and hazy weather. At 6 AM strong breezes from the N & E. Stood close in to Bohead Island and went in with 4 Boats. At 1,30 PM came back Saw no whales. The latter part light wind and baffling from NW to N E. Saw 1 Ship boiling and one took a whale. So Ends

Saturday Sept 10th — The first half of these twenty four hours fine breezes from the N & E and pleasant weather Saw whales and Lowered for them unsuccessfully. The last half of the day, pleasant breezes from the S & W. Saw whales and Chased did not Strike. At Sunset I went onboard of the N S Perkins of New London Captain Allyn 5 Whale and 1200 hair Seal Skins. Saw 20 to 25 Ships to-day 3 Boiling So Ends

Sunday Sept 11th — Begins with light wind from the North and fine weather, at 6 AM lowered for whales and chased till 10 AM without success. Got dinner and chased the rest of the day with no better success. Saw 20 to 30 whale and 20 to 25 Ships 4 Boiling - and 3 Cutting. So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Monday Sept 12th — All of these twenty four hours light baffling winds and calms, Captain Johnson of the Onzimbo came onboard and got the anchor I sold him a month ago, he has taken 2 whale since I saw him. I went onboard the Cincinnati he had taken one whale since I spoke him. it was a whale that I struck and parted from. at Sunset saw 2 whale going very quick. saw 15 to 20 Ships, 3 Boiling to Eastward

Tuesday Sept 13th — The first part Calm, the Middle part light wind from the South. The latter part strong breezes from the South stood over to North head, and a number of whale and chased without success. Saw 22 Ships 3 Boiling to Eastward

Wednesday Sept 14th — These twenty four hours begins with baffling winds from the South and some fog. The Middle part brisk wind from the Eastward and clear weather. stood with the head of NW bay, and at 10 PM sent 3 Boats inshore to look for whale. saw a good many small whale, could not strike them. spoke the boats from the Chariot of Boston Captain Brown 3 whale this season. at dark boats came onboard. the wind light from the SE and fine pleasant weather saw 12 to 15 Ships 3 Boiling. to Eastward

Cruising in the Ochotsk Sea September 1853

Thursday Sept 15th — Begins with light wind from the S & E and thick weather. at 10 AM cleared off, Saw whales, lowered and chased till 3 PM without succes
X — Saw 20 Ships, 2 Boiling and 2 Cut whales.
So Ends.

Friday Sept 16th — Commences with light wind from the S & E and cloudy weather, at 6 AM lowerd for a whale without succes, at 10 AM strong wind from E & E and thick rainy weather the Ship heading S E, at noon heavy gales, the Ship under close reefed Main Topsail and Foresail, at 130 PM reefed the foresail,
X — at 2 split the foretopmast staysail to peices, a very heavy sea going from the South
Saw 20 Ships 3 Boiling. So Ends

Saturday Sept 17th — Begins with Strong gales from E & E and wet weather, the Ship heading S E under close reefed main Topsail and reefed foresail. At 3 AM More moderate veered Ship to N and made Some Sail. The Middle & latter part the wind more moderate from the N & E, with the Ship to windward, Saw 9 Ships 1 Boiling So Ends these Twenty four hours

Sunday Sept 18th — Commences with brisk breezes from the N & E the Ship heading to the Eastward. The Middle part Calm and pleasant. The latter part light baffling airs and Calms, Saw 3 whale, and chased them, without Success. Saw 15 Ships 2 Boiling So Ends. Lat 59-20-54 North. Long 150-25-00 East

249

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Monday Sept 19th

The first part light wind from the North and hazy weather. The middle and latter part light baffling airs and Calms, lowerd for one whale without success Saw 27 Ships & Barking. In the Evening I went onboard of the Cincinnati, they were boiling. I Made up my mind to leave the ground for home via, of the Sandwich Islands, as soon as there is a breeze of wind. So Ends

X

800 Bbls

Cincinnati

Tuesday Sept 20th

Begins with light baffling airs and calms worked the Ship to the South. at 9 AM I went onboard of the Bark Chili of & Bedford Captain Anderson 600 Bbls of Wil. at 10 saw a Right Whale and lowered for him I struck him and the Iron came out and he went off. The Middle part Calm. The latter part light baffling airs and Calms. So Ends

Chili

Iron Came out

S O B

Right Whale

Lat 33.10.00 North Long 150.01.00 East

Wednesday Sept the 21

These twenty four hours begins with light wind from the S & W and fine pleasant weather, the Ship heading to the S & E. at 6 AM light wind from S E by E and fine hazy the Ship heading to S by W. The Middle part More pleasant saw a Ship steering to the South. The latter part strong winds from N E to S E by S and a heavy Sea from the W, the Ship Ship heading into it heavy. at 9 PM Ship under double reefed topsails fore & mainsail in. Lat 33.33.00 Lng 148.50.00

150

for Whale in the Ochotsk Sea. September 1853

Thursday Sept the 22nd — The first part baffling wind and spraty weather from the South and East. The Middle part Strong breezes from SW to SSW and more pleasant; the Ship heading SSE to SE. The last part light wind from the S & E the Ship heading to the S & W. and Nothing to Enos

Lat 57°.27'.32 S Long 149°.54'.00 East

Friday Sept the 23 — Begins with light wind from the South and Cloudy weather the Ship heading to the S & W. The Middle part Calm and raing. The latter part light airs from the S & W. bent fore topgallant Sail and fore topmast Studingsail and Steered South and a Ship bound south. to Enos

Saturday Sept 24th — Commences with light baffling airs and Calms and Cloudy weather. The Middle part light wind from N & E and papeing Clouds, Steered South. The latter part brisk breezes, and a Ship Steering S, and one Steering SSE. the last named Ship Showed a white swallow tailed Signal, with the letter H in it. and Finbacks. to Enos

Lat 56°.03'.52 North Long 150°.10'.15 East

Sunday Sept 25th — Begins with brisk breezes from N & E and pleasant weather, Steered South. at 8 AM light wind from E and thick wet weather. Saw a large Right whale, lowered 3 Boats and Chased without success. The Middle part Calm and some rain. The latter part light airs and calms from the S & E the Ship heading to the S & W

251

X

and a Ship Steering to the

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Monday Sept the 26 — Begins with light wind from the Eastward and hazy weather, the Ship Steering South. at 2 PM Strong breezes took in light Sails, and double reefed the fore & mizzen topsails. at 6 the wind shifted to the westward, a bad sea running. the Middle of the day the wind light and the weather more pleasant. the latter part light wind from the North steered South and furlocks & Ends Lat 52.26.57 N Long 150.00.00 East

Tuesday Sept 27th — Begins with light wind from the North Steered South, at 4 AM Strong wind from NNW, and cloudy weather. at 8,30 AM Steered E & E. the Middle part Strong gales took in Studingsail. Topgallant Sails and Mizzen Topsail. at 1 PM double reefed the fore & main, and furled the Mainsail. and nothing. to Ends

Wednesday Sept 28th — Commences with Strong wind from N N and squally weather, the Ship under Short Sail Steering E by S. at daylight made Makamutic Island bearing E by S. at 1 PM passed between that and Onekotan into the Pacific and Steered E. and 6 Ships bound out to Ends

Lat 49.49.00 N Long 155.00.12 East

252

Makamutic Island NbyE 8 Miles

Whaleing in the Ochotsk Sea. Sept 1853

Thursday Sep 29th — The first part light wind from the westward and good weather, steered E. The Middle part brisk wind from NW steered E by S. employed in drying bone & stowing between decks to trim Ship. The latter part, pleasant breezes from the westward, steered E & E by S. saw a Ship steering to the South and East. So Ends

Lat 49°.16'.0S North Long 158°.00'.00 East

Friday Sept 30th — Commences with brisk breezes from W by S and good weather steered E. Saw a Ship steering the same. The Middle and latter part strong breezes from NW by W. steered E by S and ESE. handled some bone. So Ends

Lat 48°.04'.33 North Long 162°.13'.00 East

Saturday Oct the 1 — The first part of this day light winds from the NNE and good weather, steered E by S. The Middle part light airs and calms. employed in drying and burning bone. The latter part light baffling airs from the Eastward saw 1 Ship So Ends

Lat 46°.58'.07 North Long 166°.19'.00 East

Sunday Oct the 2nd — The first part of this day, light winds from SE to SE by E and cloudy weather the Ship heading E by N to N E by E. The Middle part strong breezes; took in the light Sails. The latter part the wind more moderate from SE to SE by S the Ship E by N to E by N; saw one Ship. So Ends

253

Lat 47°.08'.33 North. Long 168°.44'.45 East

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Monday Oct the 3d — The first and middle part light wind from SE to SSE; the Ship heading E & E to E. The latter part light wind from SW, steered E by S, employed in bundleing bone and knotting yarns. Saw Finbacks, and one Ship. So Ends

Lat 37.23.09 North Long 170.45.15 East

Tuesday Oct 4th — Begins with light wind from the S & W's and wet weather. Steered E by S. The middle part brisk breezes from S to SE and more pleasant. The latter part strong wind took in light Sails and reped the topsails. parted one of the Starboard fore topmast backstays, put up a preventer, Saw one Ship So Ends

Lat 36.37.47 North Long 173.41.00 East

Wednesday Oct 5th — All of these twenty four hours brisk wind from S to SSW and thick fog steered E & E by S. So Ends

Thursday Oct 6th — The first part of this day, brisk wind from the S & W and thick fog, steered E by S. The middle part More moderate from SW. The last part light wind from W to W by S. So Ends

Friday Oct 7th — Commences with light wind from the West ward and thick fog, steered E by S. The Middle and latter part pleasant weather and fine breezes from W & W employed in washing Ship inside. So Ends

Lat 42.41.13 North Long 175.12.45 West

the Ochotsk Sea to the Sandwich Islands Oct 1853

Saturday Oct 8th — The first part light wind from the WbN and good weather. Steered E. The middle part light wind from SW to SSW, steered Ebyn. employed in making spunyarn to bunch bone. The latter part brisk breezes from S W to W SW, and cloudy with some fog. Saw nothing. So Ends

Lat 41.43.31 North Long 172.43.00 West

Sunday Oct 9th — The first and middle part of this day, had brisk breezes from SW to WSW, steered Ebyn. The latter part, brisk wind from W to WNW. saw a ship steering to the Ebyn. So Ends

Lat 39.54.11 N Long 168.43.45 West

Monday Oct 10th — The first and middle part light winds from SW to WNW and fine weather steered Ebyn, employed in drying and bunching bone. The last part light airs from the South, saw nothing So Ends Lat 38.40.44 N Long 165.38.30 W

Tuesday Oct 11th — The first and middle part, brisk winds from SSW to SW and fine weather steered ESE, employed in washing bone. The latter part brisk breezes SW to W saw nothing. So Ends

Lat 37.10.28 N Long 163.26.45 W

255

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington, from

Wednesday Oct 12th All of these twenty four hours light winds and baffling from the South and west and fine weather, Steered E&E, imployed in drying and bunching bone. Saw Nothing, So Ends

Lat 35.20.12 N Long 160.44.30 W

Thursday Oct 13th All of this day light wind from SW to W and good weather, Steered E&E. imployed in scrapeing and washing bone. Saw one Ship Steering E&E. So Ends

Lat 33.45.28 N Long 158.21.45 West

Friday Oct 14th The first and middle part of this day pleasant breezes from SW and fine weather Steered E&E. all hands imployed in washing and drying bone. The latter part brisk wind from SW. Steered S by E & S E. all imployed in Making Spunyarn and bunching bone. Saw 2 Ships Steering to the S&E. So Ends

Lat 32.28.21 North Long 156.20.00 West

Saturday Oct 15th The most of this day brisk wind from SSW to SW, the Ship heading SE to SSE. all imployed in drying and bundling bone. Saw 6 Ships heading to the South and East. So Ends

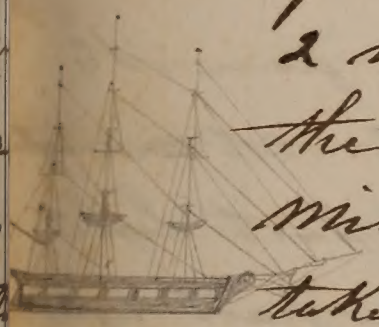
Lat 25.58.11 N Long 155.03.30 W

the Sea of Ochotsk, to the Sandwich Islands, Oct 1853

Sunday Oct 16th — All of these twenty four hours light baffling wind from W to NNW steered SSE & SbyE saw 5 ships bound South & Easts
Lat 27°.51.00 N Long 154°.51.30 W

Monday Oct 17th — All of these twenty four hours light baffling airs & Calms from all points of the compas, all employed in washing ship. bent a new Mizzen Topgallant sail. saw 17 Ships. saw Tinbacks, to Ests
Lat 27°.22.11 N Long 154°.21.45 West

Tuesday Oct 18th — Begins with light airs and calms from the South the Ship heading to the Eastward, at 8 AM Captain Doval of Ship Brigang of New Bedford, Came onboard, had taken 2 Whale this season (From the Arctic). At the same time Captain Cowle of Ship Milo of New Bedford, came onboard, had taken 800 Bbls this season in Arctic.



Milo Brigenze

They reported 6 ~~Stonington~~ Ships, none of them more than 3 Whale this season. The Fybee not a drop. and the Ships had done very poorly on an average. At dark the Captains returned to their Ships. saw 19 Ships to day to Ests
Lat 27°.05.18 N Long 154°.00.30 W

Wednesday Oct 19th — All of this day brisk breezes from the South and pleasant weather. Kept the Ship to windward. saw 11 to 15 Ships to Ests. Lat 26°.34.33 N Long 153°.35.00 West

357

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington, from the

Thursday Oct 20th — Commences with strong wind from SSE -and squaly the ship heading SW. at 8 AM veered ship to the Eastward, the wind blowing heavy in squals, the ship under reefed Topsails. the jib & mainsail in. at noon set jib. employed in getting a new Main Topsail. at 8 PM Veered to SW and set the mainsail. saw 3 Ships to Ends Lat 25.53.05 N Long 154.10.00 West

Friday Oct the 21 — Begins with strong wind from SSE to SEbyS the ship heading SW & SWbyS, under reefed Topsails and courses. at noon veered to E & EbyS saw 2 Barks. to Ends

Lat 25.22.35 North Long 154. 16.15 West

Saturday Oct the 22nd — Commences with stong wind from SE and squaly the ship heading E. at midnight Veered ship to SW. the Middle part light wind and pleasant. the latter part light winds from ESE to SE the ship heading SSWth S. Sent fore, Main & mizzen Topsails and mainsail. saw 2 ships to Ends

Lat 25.01.27 N Long 154.31.00W

Sunday Oct the 23d — All of these twentyfour hours fair wind from the north and East and good weather. Steered South and South by W. saw one ship. to Ends

Lat 22.18.00 N Long 157.30.00 W

258

Ochotsk Sea to the Sandwich Islands October 1853

Monday Oct the 24 Commences with brisk breezes from the N & E and fine weather. Steering Sby W at at 4,30 A M Made the Island of Kenee, at 8 A M Stood close in to the Anchorage at Lahaina and 30 to 40 Ships in port & landed and a fine lot of letters. and fresh beef & Potatoes, and sent off to my Ship at 2 P M She got in to anchor, and sent a raft of Cask in for fresh water at dark all hands onboard So Ends

Tuesday Oct 25th All of these twenty four hours fine trades and pleasant weather, all hands employed in breaking out between decks and stowing the bone for the passage several Ships came in, 2 from Stonington, the George & Whale the Abary & Susan 1 Whale: So Ends

Wednesday Oct 26th All of these twenty four hours, fine weather one watch on liberty, the rest employed in getting things onshore and getting the Ship ready for Painting, at dark all hands onboard So Ends

Thursday Oct 27th All of these twenty four hours fine pleasant trades from the N E and good weather one watch on liberty the other employed in Painting Ship &c So Ends

Friday Oct 28th The most of these twenty four hours fine weather and light trades from N & E. The watch employed in various things duty So Ends

259

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Ct

Saturday
Oct 29th All of this day fine pleasant weather one watch on liberty the other imployed in Painting Ship – So Ends

Sunday
Oct 30th All of these twenty four hours fine pleasant weather . So Ends

Monday
Oct the 31 All of these twenty four hours fine pleasant weather, all hands imployed in stowing water, and in various duties, So Ends

Tuesday
Nov the 1 All of these twenty four hours fine pleasant weather and light Airs one watch on liberty the other imployed in getting off Provisions & takeing things onshore So Ends

Wednesday
Nov 2nd All of this day light Airs and fine weather. one watch on liberty the other imployed in various ways So Ends

Thursday
Nov 3d All of this day light winds and fine weather all imployed in getting water Potatoes. and Punkins onboard. got all ready for Sea but the wind was so light we could not get out to see Stop till morning. I discharged Henry Redwood & paid him off. So Ends

The Sandwich Islands November 1858

Friday Nov 4th — Begins with light trades and fine weather. at day light took the anchor and stood out clear of the Shipping at 4 PM I came onboard and stands for Honolulu. So Ends

Saturday Nov 5th — Commences with light trades from the N & E and fine weather. the Ship running down for Honolulu. The middle part Calm. The latter part light variable at 6 PM Captain Handy came onboard from the Bark Globe. had taken 700 Bbls this season, had the Scurvy onboard, he wanted potatoes I gave him some. at 8 PM we hauled aback off Diamon Head. So Ends

Sunday Nov 6th — Begins with light trades and fine weather the Ship standing off & on at Honolulu at 8 AM I landed. at 4 PM sent the boat to the Ship and I stopped on board of the Mary & Susan So Ends

Monday Nov 7th — All of these twenty four hours light winds and good weather the Ship standing off & on at 6 PM I came off & and started for home Sweet home So Ends

Tuesday Nov 8th — All of this day pleasant winds from the N & E steered S by E. Captain Barber from the Tyler spent the day with me. Lat 20.33 Long 158.27 West

261

Ship Betsey Williams from the

Wednesday Nov 9th All of this day Strong winds from the Eastward and Clear weather. Steered SbyE. 2 Ships in Company So Ends

Lat 17.24.40 N Long 158.39.30 W

Thursday Nov 10th Begins with brisk breezes from the Eastward and squally. Steered to the S&E. 2 Ships in sight. The Middle and Latter part Strong breezes took in the Starboard anchor. Split the fore topgallantsail and bent new one So. Ends

Lat 15.00.37 N Long 156.41.00 W

Friday Nov 11th All of these Twenty four hours Strong winds from Etc EbyE and quite pleasant Steered SSE, Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 12.26.29 N Long 156.33.45

Saturday Nov 12th The first and middle part of this day brisk wind from the EbyE & E and good weather Steered SE. The latter part squally with rain, Saw Nothing. So Ends

Lat 9.30.08 N Long 156.00.45 W

Sunday Nov 13th The first part Strong winds from E Steered SSE. The Middle and latter part squaly raining baffling weather. Saw Nothing. So Ends

Sandwich Islands towards Stonington Nov 1853

Monday Nov 14th — All of these twenty four hours baffling wind and squally weather from the Eastward & frequent rain showers. Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 7°24'.00 N Long 185°.01'.45 W

Tuesday Nov 15th — All of this day baffling wind from the Eastward and squally weather. with heavy rain worked the Ship to the S & E So Ends. Caught a Skipjack

Wednesday Nov 16th — The first part of this day brisk breeze from the Eastward and squally. the Ship heading to the S & E. the Middle and latter part Strong wind from SE to SEby E the Ship heading SbyW & SSW. Mended and bent a Main Topgallantsail. Saw Nothing So Ends

Lat 4°.31'.28 S Long 185°.16'.45 W

Thursday Nov 17th — The first part Strong wind from SE and squally, the Ship heading, SSW. the middle and latter part more pleasant at 1 past the west End of Chisnoi Island 10 Miles distance. So Ends

Lat 2°.34'.08 S Long 182°.07'.00 West

Friday Nov 18th — All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from the Eastward and fine weather the Ship heading to the South, employed in mending Sails. Saw 3 Ships bound South and Grampuses So Ends

Lat 00°.19'.22 S Long 187°.14'.45 West

163

Ship Betsey Williams from Honolulu to

Saturday Nov 19th All of these twentyfour hours fine breezes from E to E.S.E and pleasant weather the Ship heading S to S.S.E. all imployed in Mending Sails. and 2 Ships bound South. So Ends

Lat 2.13.27 South Long 157.19.15 W

Sunday Nov 20th All of this day fine breezes from S.E by E to E.S.E and pleasant weather the Ship heading S & S by W. and one Ship. So Ends

Lat 3.54.02 South Long 158.07.30 W

Monday Nov the 21 The most of these twentyfour hours, fine breezes from E to E.S.E and pleasant weather the Ship heading S to S.S.E. The watches imployed in Mending an old Mainsail and Nothing of note So Ends

Lat 7.17.14 S Long 157.59.15 West

Tuesday Nov the 22nd The first part light wind from E & Steered S.S.E. The Middle and latter part light wind & Calms, imployed in Mending an old fore sail, at 3 PM finished it & bent it. and nothing So Ends

Lat 8.57.11 S Long by L 158.09.45 by C 157.59.15 W

Wednesday Nov the 23 The first and middle part light wind from the Eastward and fine weather Steered S.S.E imployed in Mending a Topsail The latter part Calm and one Ship So Ends

28 months to day I left My beloved family

Lat 9.49.32 South Long 157.51.15 West

264

Stonington November 1853

Thursday Nov 24th — The first and middle part calm pleasant weather. the watches employed in mending the Spanker. the last part baffling airs and rain Squalls. work the Ship to the South. So Ends

Lat 10.12.38 South Long 157.57.30 West

Friday Nov 25th — All of these twentyfour hours light baffling wind from the ESE and fine weather Steered SbyE, employed in mending Old Sails So Ends

Lat 11.10.22 S Long 157.28.15 W

Saturday Nov 26th — All of this day light wind from the NbyE and good weather Steered SbyE employed in Various Ships duty, So Ends

Lat 13.12.42 S Long 158.02.30 West

Sunday Nov 27th — All of these twentyfour hours light airs and calms from the ESE. and breaches. So Ends

Lat 14.16.35 S Long 158.32.30 W

Monday Nov 28th — All of this day light baffling airs and calms. all employed in Ships duty and Nothing So Ends

Lat 14.36.37. S Long 158.17.00 W

Tuesday Nov 29th — The first and middle part Calm and light baffling airs from the E & W Steered to the South, last part much the Same and 1 Ship Lat 14.58.13 S Long 157.56.30 West

263

Ship Betsey Williams from Honolulu

Wednesday Nov 30th — The first part of this day light breezes from the NNW and squally with rain, steered S. The Middle and latter part pleasant breezes from WbN to SW, the Ship heading S to SSE. Saw nothing So Ends

Lat 16.46.00 S Long 158.18.45 W

Thursday Dec the 1st — Commences with light wind from the SW. the Ship heading SSE. the Middle part wind & Ship heading SSE tacked to SWbyW. The latter part heading WbyS & WSW. Saw a sail to leward So Ends

Lat 17.45.28. S Long 157.50.15 W

Friday Dec the 2nd — All of these twenty four hours light wind from the South and fine weather worked the Ship to windward. Saw nothing. So Ends

Lat 18.19.31 S Long 158.03.30 W

Saturday Dec the 3d — The first part light wind from the S & W the Ship heading to the S & E. The Middle part Calm, the latter part light wind from the S & W. head to S & E So Ends Lat 18.52.31 S Long 157.12.30 W

Sunday Dec 4th — Begins with light wind from the S & W the Ship heading to the S & E. at 8 AM tacked Ship to the westward, at Noon stood close in to the North End

of an Island lying about 25 miles to the Eastward of Watteo. and there being no name given to it on the chart I shall take the liberty to call it Pendleton Island. 3 or 4 Canoes came off with a few dry and green Cocoanuts. I was not going to stop being in a great hurry to get to Rarotonga, and I do not like to trade on the Sabbath, but they had come quite a distance, and I took their things and gave them some cloth to encourage them to bring things off to Ships when passing the Island. At Sunset we passed close by the North end of Watteo Island. So Ends

Lat 19.47.33 S Long 157.49.45 West

Pendleton Island E by S 10 Miles

Lat 19.53.00 S Long 157.35.00 W

Monday
Dec 5th All of these twenty four hours light baffling airs & Calms from the South the Ship heading to the westward, So Ends

Lat 19.54.08 S Long 158.36.15 W

Tuesday
Dec 6th The first part of these twenty four hours Calm pleasant weather. The Middle part light winds from SE & SbyE the Ship heading SW to SWbyS. at 8.30 PM Made the Island of Rarotonga bearing SbyW a long distance off. The last part pleasant breezes from the SE to ESE So Ends Lat 20.12.18 S Long 159.14.00 W

267

Wednesday } Ship Betsey Williams from the
Dec 7th Begins with light wind from
the Eastward and fine weather
the Ship heading to the South, at
9 AM stood close in to the landing
at Rarotonga. I went ashore bought
wood & commenced getting it off got
12 Boat load off took 10 Cask ashore
to fill with fresh water. Got off
a lot of Pumkins fruit &C. So Ends

Thursday
Dec 8th All of these twenty four hours light
Airds & fine weather, the Ship lying
off & on the landing Got off a cask
of water a quantity of Fruit, Fowls
Pumkins & Bullock, Several Ship at
the different landings. So Ends

Friday
December
9th Comes in with light Airdes & fine wea-
ther the Ship Standing off & on the landing
at 8 AM I went in sent off some
things, and at 2 PM I came off and
started for home Via New Zealand
So Ends these twenty four hours

Saturday
Dec 10th The first part of this day light winds
from E by S. and pleasant weather
Steered S. The Middle and latter
part brisk breezes, the watches
employed in Various duties. Killed
the Bullock. Saw one Ship
So Ends Lat 22-59-21 S Long 160-28-00

Sandwich Islands towards Stonington Dec 1853

Sunday
Dec 11th — The most of these twenty four hours fine breezes from ESE and pleasant weather Steered S. saw Nothing to Ends
Lat 25°49°13 S Long 161°06°45 W

Monday
Dec 12th — Begins with brisk breezes from the Eastward and fine weather: Steered S by E. at 7 PM put the Ship under short Sail and commenced coopering Oil between decks. at 6 PM finished the main hatch. cleared up decks for the night and made all Sail. saw one Ship bound South to Ends
Lat 27°53°38 South

Tuesday
Dec 13th — All of this day fine breezes from the E & E and fine weather Steered S by E, all employed in coopering Oil between decks at 5 PM finished. Caught a porpoise & Ends
Lat 30°00°36 South

Wednesday
Dec 14th — All of these twenty four hours Strong breezes from the North and hazy weather, Steered S by E & S S E. to Ends. took in Royals & Larboard Anchor = Lat 33°13°00 S Long 161°23°30 W

Thursday
Dec 15th — Begins with brisk breezes from N and hazy weather, Steered S S E. The middle part Strong gales and thick rainy weather the Ship under double reefed topsails Jib & Mainsail in. carried away a topmast studingsail boom. The last part of the day more pleasant Set Close reefed Main topsails to Ends

Ship Betsey Williams from the

Friday Dec 16th — All of this day brisk breezes from NNW to NW and good weather. Steered SSE Rove new fore & main Topsail braces and put new brace pennants on the fore and main Yards. Saw 1 Finback and some porpises. So Ends

Lat 39.05.41 S Long 159.35.30 West

Saturday Dec 17th — Begins with light wind from the NW. Steering SEbyS. at 6 AM Steered SbyE, the wind WSW. the middle and latter part brisk breezes, bent Old jib and Mainsail. Saw 1 Finback. So Ends

Lat 41.20.48 S Long 158.07.00 W

Sunday Dec 18th — The first part brisk breezes from NW and good weather steered SSE. the middle and latter part brisk wind from SW to SWbyS. the Ship heading SSE to SEbyS Saw Finbacks, Killers and Porpusis. at dark shortened Sail for the night. So Ends

Lat 44.11.26 S Long 158.53.45 W

Monday Dec 19th — Begins with light wind from the South and west and cloudy weather. the Ship heading to the S&E. the middle part brisk breezes from S. the Ship heading ESE. the latter part light airs from SW, Ship heading SSE Saw 1 Finback. So Ends

Lat 45.42.36 S Long 156.17.00 West

Sandwich Islands towards Stonington Dec 1853

Tuesday Dec 20th — Begins with light wind from the westward and pleasant weather Steered S by E. The Middle part Steered S S E Caught 3 Porpoises, at 1 P M Steered E x E. at 6,30 P M Inward for Blackfish Mr Penny got one, Mr Thompson Struck one, cut the line off with his lance and the fish Sunk with 2 Irons Came onboard and Stood on to E x E So. Ends Lat 37.09.16 S Long 156.36.11 West

L B Blackfish

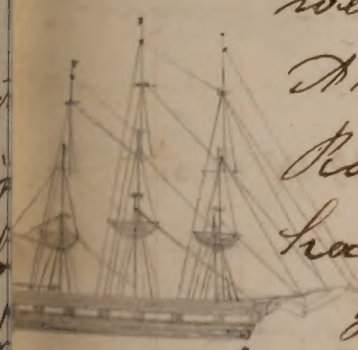
Sunk W Blackfish

Wednesday Dec the 21 — All of these twenty four hours light wind from the N & W and good weather, Steered E x E & E by S and occasioning. So Ends

Lat 37.09.30 South Long 153.52.30 West

Thursday Dec 22nd — Begins with light wind from the N & W and good weather, Steered E by N. The Middle part Calm. the latter part light airs from W. and one Finback So Ends. Lat 37.09.27 North

Friday Dec 23d — Commences with light wind from the westward and, some rain, Steered E by S. at 10 A M Spoke the Timor of Sagharbor Captain Rodgers 6½ Months out 140 Bbls whale Oil Standing in Cruising here 10 days, and seen nothing



Timor

The Middle and latter part brisk wind from W and good weather Steered E by S So. Ends

Lat 37.19.34 S Long 155.25.11 West

Ship Betsey Williams from the Sandwich Islands

Saturday Dec. 24th All of these twenty four hours brisk wind from the westward, and passing Clouds, Steered Ebeyer. Saw one Finback. So Ends Lat 37.01.35 South Long 145.32.30 West

Sunday Dec 25th All of these twenty four hours fine breezes from the westward and fine weather. Steered Ebeyer. I have thought much of home and my dear family to day and have a great desire to be with them. Three years ago to day I had several of My friends to dine with me at home, and injoyed their Company very much. I hope they have spent this day pleasantly. Saw nothing. So Ends Lat 46.46.46 South Long 131.28.00 West

Monday Dec 26th Begins with brisk wind from the S & W and cloudy weather. Steered Ebeyer. The Middle part strong breezes from the Eastward the Ship heading to the N & E. The latter part light airs and Calms, employed in mending Topmast Studingsail. Saw Porpoises. So Ends

Lat 45.49.41 South Long 138.13.15 West

Tuesday Dec 27th The first part calm and baffling airs. The Middle part light wind from the westward and cloudy. Steered Ebeyer. The latter part fresh S.W. Saw Finbacks and caught a Porpoise. So Ends = My dear Son if living is Eleven Years old to day. May he live Many Years and be useful

272

Toward Stonington December 1853

Wednesday Dec 28th — Commences with light wind from the S & W and pore weather. Steered E by S. The middle part light airs and calms. The latter part light wind from the S & W and one Finback. So Ends

Lat 45.31.06 South Long 133.12.15 W

Thursday Dec 29th — All of these twenty four hours light baffling airs from the S & E and S & W, and changeable weather steered E by S. Saw Finbacks. So Ends

Lat 45.23.39 South Long 131.28.45 West

Friday Dec 30th — Begins with light wind from the S & E, Steered E by S. The Middle and latter part light airs from the Eastward, worked the ship to windward Saw Finbacks, and caught a Porpoise. So Ends

Lat 44.58.52 South Long 130.25.15 West

Saturday Dec the 31 — Begins with light wind from the Eastward the Ship heading S S E. at 10 AM tacked to the N & E. at 1 PM tacked to the S & E. and Nothing So Ends the day and year 1853

Sunday Jan the 1 1854 — Commences with light winds from the Eastward and cloudy weather the Ship heading to the S & E. The middle part Calm. The latter part light airs from the westward. Steered East. Saw nothing So Ends

273

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Monday Jan the 2nd — The first and middle part light baffling winds and changable weather. Steered Ebyer. The latter part light wind from the westward and nothing. So Ends

Lat 46.46.56 South Long 128.32.30 West

Tuesday Jan the 3d — Begins with light wind from the westward and pleasant weather. Steered Ebyer. The middle and latter part brisk wind from W to SW. Saw a Ship bound Eastward. So. Ends

Lat 46.45.09 South Long 124.34.30 West

Wednesday Jan 4th — The first part fine breezes from the S&W Steered Ebyer. The Middle part light baffling wind from the Eastward. The latter part much the same. Saw nothing So Ends

Lat 46.35.01 S Long 121.37.00 West

Thursday Jan 5th — Begins with light wind from the Eastward the Ship heading to the S&E, the weather good. The Middle and latter part. Strong wind and cloudy weather. Topgallantsails in So Ends

Lat 47.27.18 South Long 120.07.11 West

Friday Jan 6th — Commences with strong wind from E&E and cloudy weather. The Ship heading to SE. at 5 AM strong gales from E&E. the Ship under double reefed Topsails, Mainsail in. A heavy sea going the Ship there are into the fretopmast Staysail & split it to rags. tacked Ship to the N&E. Middle Calm latter part brisk wind from the westward. Steered Ebyer

474

Saturday Jan 7th — All of these twenty four hours, Strong breezes from NW. Steered E by S. The first and latter part hazy weather. The middle pleasant and Porpoises. So Ends

Lat 49.14.40 South Long 114.34.45 West

Sunday Jan 8th — All of this day Strong wind from NW to W and dark wet weather. Steered E by S So Ends. No Observation

Monday Jan 9th — The first part Strong wind from W to W SW and wet weather. Steered E by S. The Middle part more moderate from W SW to W The last part light wind from the South and pleasant. So Ends

Lat 49.59.25 S Long 103.08.30 West

Tuesday Jan 10th — The first part light baffling airs from the South to W NW and cloudy weather. Steered E. The middle part brisk breezes from W. The latter part Strong wind from W and thick wet weather. At 5 PM the Ship under 2 reefs Main and Close reefed fore & mizzen Topsails and Foresail. Saw Porpoises. So Ends

Lat 50.27.39 South Long abent 107.30.00 W

Wednesday Jan 11th — Begins with Strong gales from the W & W and thick weather. Steered E under short sail. At 2 PM wind hauled to the west and moderate. At 6 all Sail Set. The Middle and latter part light wind and thick fog - So Ends

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from

Thursday Jan 12th — The first half of this day light winds from the westward and thick dark wet weather steered E. The last part more pleasant, steered E by S. So Ends

Friday Jan 13th — Commences with fine breezes from the Westward and Cloudy weather, steered E by S. The middle part light wind from the S & W and quite pleasant. The latter part wind SW and cloudy. steered E. saw Blackfish. and caught a Porpoise. So Ends

Lat 54°-07-18 South Long 89-34-15 West

Saturday Jan 14th — The first part light wind from SW and Cloudy weather. steered E. The middle and latter part strong breezes from W and wet weather. So Ends —

Sunday Jan 15th — Begins with brisk breezes from the westward and thick wet weather, steered E. The Middle part strong wind from WSW and more pleasant. The latter part Squally saw many Porpoises. So Ends

Lat 56°-13°-35 South Long 77-38°-15 West

Monday Jan 16th — The first part of these twenty four hours strong wind from the South and cloudy weather, steered E by S. The middle part pleasant breezes from the S & W and pleasant steered E & N E. The latter part moderate. saw 2 Whale Ships and a merchant, Bark heading to the N & W So Ends. Lat 56°-48°-21 South Long 74-10°-15 West

376

Tuesday Jan 17th

The first part light wind from the Sd or and cloudy weather. The Middle part strong wind from the westward and thick weather, at 2 PM. I ordered the Jeymast Studingsail took in and the man that was to slack the halyards let the sail come down into the water, & the sea got in to it and parted all the ropes attached to it and broke the boom, and we lost the sail, it was blowing to hard and too rugged to lower a boat for it.

The latter part, strong gales and squally, steered Eday and Est E. took in Jeygallant sails and reefed the Topsails. Saw a Ship bound to the Eastward and, came to the west. at 8 PM Judged the Ship to be off the Diegos. at 12 M Steered N E — Do Ends

Remember Moses Vinnes and Hay at home "Gilbert"

Wednesday Jan 18th

Begins with strong gales from W. and squally weather, Steered N E under reefed Topsails, at 4 AM Steered N N E. at 6.30 passed a merchant Bark lying too. at 8 PM passed close by the East End of Staten land and steered N N W. Split the foresail and took it in. the wind blowing heavy in Squalls. Ds Ends

Lat at Noon 55° 31' 0" South Long 64° 54' 0" West

Think of these gales Gilbert, and Hay at home with Whale Ships

Thursday Jan 19th

Comes in with strong winds and squally weather from the South. Steered N W by W. the middle and latter part light winds from the westward & fine weather. Saw a Whaler bound South. Sent a foresail, Lat 52° 36' 23" S. Long 68° 37' 30" West

427

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington from the

Friday Jan 20th — Commences with light wind from Wbyn and fine weather, steered Nbyw. The Middle part, light wind from NWbyw, the watch employed in Mending Foresail and a Whales Carcas. The latter part Calm, bent Main Topsail, fore and main Topgallant Sails all abd. Saw a Sail at a distance So Ends

Lat 50.39.0 South Long 62.38.45 West

Saturday Jan the 21 — Begins with light airs from NW and fine weather, steered NbE at 10 AM spoke the Bark Clarence of New Bedford 3 months out Clean. Got some late papers from her. The middle part light baffling wind and some fog. The last part fine breezes from the S & W. steered NbE. So Ends

Clarence

Sunday Jan the 22nd — The first part light wind from SSW and Cloudy weather, steered NbE. The middle part light baffling airs. The latter part light wind from the N & E and thick wet weather. Saw Finbacks. So Ends

Monday Jan the 23rd — Begins with light baffling wind from the westward, and wet weather, steered NbE. The middle part brisk wind from SbW and more pleasant. The latter part much the same, steered E N E & E. Saw many Finbacks at Sunset took in Sail heading to the S & E

So Ends Lat 58.12.41 South Long 57.41.15 West

219

Tuesday
Jan 24th Begins with brisk wind from SSW and good weather, the Ship heading SE. at 4 AM made all sail. at 6 steered NE, at 10 N. at Noon hauled by the wind heading NW. the wind WSW, and fine pleasant weather. The latter part strong winds from W. at 4 PM Ship under double reefed Topsails Jib & Mainsail in. at 7.30 PM took in Sail for the Night So Ends. Lat 37.57.26 South Long 56.23.45 West

Wednesday
Jan 25th Commences with brisk wind from the NW and clear weather, the Ship heading NNE under double reefed main & Mizzen Topsails and foresail. at 6 AM heavy gales from WNW. took in Mizzen Topsail and foresail, and close reefed the Main. at Noon more moderate. Set foresail. at 2 PM light wind, with a heavy Sea going, Made Sail. The latter part baffling with some rain. at Sunset took in Sail for the Night So Ends

Thursday
Jan the 26 Commences with heavy gales from WSW and squally. the Ship heading NW under Close reefed Main Topsail, a heavy Sea going. The Middle part more Moderate Set double reefed Topsails and jib. Saw a Right whale Calf too rugged to lower. The last part quite Moderate from SW. the Ship heading W NW. Saw a Ship bound North. at Sunset took in Sail for the Night. So Ends

Lat 46.18.45 S Long 56.00.00 West

575

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Friday Jan 27th Begins with light wind from the S & W and fine weather. at 4 AM made all sail heading to the westward, at 5, 30 AM saw 2 right whale going quick to the S & E lowered 3 Boats in chase without success. at blowed on strong, took the Boats up and stood on to the westward. at 1 PM strong gales, and wet weather, took in sail to close reefed Main & Mizzen Topsail and foresail at 6 PM wind veered to SW and blew heavy veered Ship to W b W, and took in Mizzen Topsail and foresail. So Ends

Saturday Jan 28th Commences with heavy gales from SW and squally weather, the Ship heading W b W under close reefed Main Topsail, Main Spencer, and foretopmast staysail. a Very heavy Sea going. The Middle part wind S the Ship heading W S W. the latter part rather more moderate. So. Ends

Lat 45-12-35 South Long 56-37-30 West

Sunday Jan 29th Commences with strong gales from S S W and squaly, the Ship heading W under close reefed Main Topsail, Main Spencer and fore topmast staysail. at 4 AM more moderate set double reefed topsails, heading N W. the wind W S W. at 6 AM Kept off E by n. The Middle of the day fine pleasant weather, The latter part brisk wind from W b W. and Fineaths. at Sunset took in sail. So Ends

Lat 44-36-36 South Long 56-46-15 West

180

for Whale in the South Atlantic. January 1814

Monday Jan 30th — Begins with Stong wind from WSW and clear weather. at 4 AM made Sail and Steered Ebyr. The Middle, and latter part the Same, and Finbacks. at Sunset took in Sail for the Night and Steerd E & E. So Ends

Lat 44.44.08 South Long 53.00.45 West

Tuesday Jan the 31- Commences with Stong wind from WSW and hazy weather, Steered E & E under foresail and double reefed Main Topsail. at 4 AM made Sail. The Middle and latter part, more Moderate. Saw Finbacks and Whale feeds. Caught a Porpoise. at dark took in Sail heading to the North So Ends

Lat 44.31.46 South Long 49.38.00 West

Wednesday Feb the 1 — Begins with Strong wind from the Northward and hazy wet weather, the ship heading to the North. at 4 AM made Sail and Steerd Ebyr. The Middle and latter part light wind and more pleasant. Saw Finbacks. at Sunset took in Sail, So Ends

Lat 44.24.53 South Long 49.48.00 West

Thursday Feb 2nd — Begins with light wind from WSW and hazy weather. at 2 AM thick and raing the ship heading WSW. at 6 AM steerd Ship to the W & S. at 8 made Sail, - at 10 AM Steered Ebyr, - at 5 PM Strong wind and thick weather took in Sail to Close reefed Main Topsail & foresail at 6 PM the wind thifted to WSW and blew heavy took in the fresail heading W.W. Saw Finbacks to day. So Ends

281

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington Cruising

Friday Feb the 3d — Begins with Strong Gales from NW & W and clear weather; the Ship heading SW under close reefed Main Topsail. at 6 AM more moderate made Sail and Steered E, at 8 Steered SE. the Middle part light winds. at 2 PM Steered SE. light winds from NW & W. Saw a Ship Steering to the N & E at Sunset took in Sail heading SE Saw Finbacks to day So Ends

Lat 44.06.00 South Long 45.50.00 West

Saturday Feb th 4th — Begins with light winds from the N & W and fine weather, the Ship heading to the S & E at 4 AM made all Sail. at 2 PM Spoke the Emily Morgan of New Bedford Captain Ewer 52 months out 1700 Bbls Sperm Oil. at 8 PM Shortened Sail for the night heading NE & E Ship. So Ends

Emily Morgan

Lat 43.03.00 South Long 44.17.00 West

Sunday Feb 5th — Comes in with light winds from SW and fine pleasant weather, the Ship heading NW & E. the Middle part, wind and weather the Same, Saw a Merchant Bark Steering to the North. the latter part light wind from W. Steered NW & W. at 20 minits before Sun Setting, Saw a Shoal of Sperm whale going Quick, Leward 3 Boats, it Came on dark and we Saw nothing more of them. Came onboard and took in Sail. Saw many Finbacks to day So Ends

X

782

Lat 41.50.00 South Long 43.25.45 West

in the South Atlantic February 1854

Monday Feb 6th — Begins with light airs from NW and fine pleasant weather. at 2 PM made all sail heading NNE. The middle and latter part fine breezes from NW & NNW kept the Ship heading NNE & NbyE. Saw Finbacks. at sunset Shortened Sail for the Night. So Ends
Lat 40.37.57 South Long 42.29.15 West

Tuesday Feb 7th — Commences with brisk breezes from the NW and clear weather, the Ship heading to the N & E. at 6.30 AM Veered Ship to the westward, strong wind from NNW. at noon strong breezes from N the Ship heading NbyW. The latter part gales increasing at 4 PM Came too under close reefed Main Topsail and Foresail. Saw Nothing So Ends Lat 39.29.17 South Long 42.31.15 West

Wednesday Feb 8th — Begins with strong gales from N and squally. the Ship heading WSW under close reefed main topsail. at 4 PM more moderate made Sail. The middle part light baffling wind from the Eastward steered WNW. The latter part light baffling wind from the Westward and some rain showers the Ship heading to the W & W. at sunset Shortened Sail. So Ends
Lat 39.35.13 South Long 43.24.30 West

Thursday Feb 9th — The first part light baffling wind from the W & W & cloudy. The middle part light from S & pleasant steered WW. The latter part Light Breezes and cloudy. Saw Porpises caught one. So Ends
Lat 39.07.08 South Long 43.52.15 West

233

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Friday Feb 10th — Ddb of these twenty four hours fine breezes from S to SE and good weather. Steered NW, NbW. NbyW, N, NEbyN and EbyE. Saw Porpoises, at Sunset took in Sail Heading SW. So Ends
Lat 36.44.51 South Long 45.15.15 West

Saturday Feb 11th — The first light wind from the Eastward, the Middle & latter part from the NbE and fine weather. Steered NW, W. & SW. Saw Killers, Porpoises, and a Sail. at Sunset took in Sail heading NW. So Ends
Lat 35.57.00 South Long 45.15.15 West

Sunday Feb 12th — Begins with light wind from the NbE and fine weather. at daylight Made all Sail and Steered W. Saw 1 Finback So Ends Lat 36.12.00 South Long 49.00.15 West

Monday Feb 13th — Commences with fine breezes from NbE and hazy weather, Steered West under short Sail. at daylight Set Lull Topsails and jib. at 9 AM Strong wind 2 reefed the topsails. at 10.30 took in Sail and Came to under double reefed Main Topsail. Saw 2 Finbacks. The last part Cloudy the Ship heading NW So Ends Lat 31.51.17 South Long 48.30.15 West

Cruising in the South Atlantic. Feb 1854

Tuesday
Feb 14th

Begins with strong wind from the N & E and cloudy weather, the ship heading to the N & W. at 8 AM wore ship the ship heading W S W, the weather pleasant the latter part light wind from N W the ship heading W by W. broke the inner end of the flying jib boom off. Spliced on a piece and fished it first rate. Saw nothing, at dark shortened sail, So Ends

Lat 35.29.22 South Long 38.29.30 West

Wednesday
Feb 15th

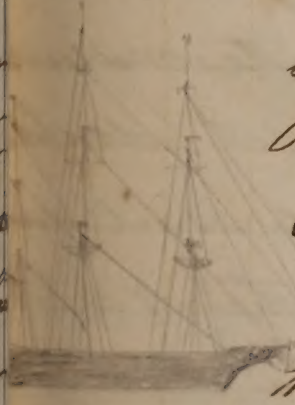
Commences with light airs from the North and fine pleasant weather, at daylight made all sail and steered W S W. The middle and latter part light wind. Saw a ship heading to the N & E and a bark heading to the westward. Saw grampusis. So Ends shortened sail at Sunset.

My daughter if living is 8 years old to day

Lat 35.34.58 South Long 41.38.30 West

Thursday
Feb 16th

Begins with fine breezes from the North and pleasant weather, at daylight made sail and steered W S W. at 6 AM spoke the Bark John ~~Dawson~~ Dawson of New Bedford Captain Cromwell 10 months out 450 Bbls Sperm Oil. The middle part brisk breezes from the West the ship heading to the South & West. The latter part strong breezes from the S & W. ship heading to the west, and rolling. So Ends



John Dawson

Lat 36.19.04 South Long 51.57.00 West

256

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Friday Feb 17th — Begins with brisk breezes from the S & E the Ship heading to the S & W, - at daylight Made Sail . Steered W S W - W by W & W N W and at noon steered N E . the latter part heading N by E , the wind E by S. Saw no whale . - at Sunset took in Sail So Ends Lat 36. 39. 10 South Long 52. 58. 15 West

Saturday Feb 18th — Comes with light wind from E N E and good weather, the Ship heading S E. - at day light made all Sail , - at 6 A M tacked to N : at 10 wind N tacked Ship to E N E . the latter part brisk breezes, at Sunset took in Sail & steered Ship to N W & N W by W. Saw no whale. So Ends Lat 36. 45. 00 South Long 52. 33. 15 West

Sunday Feb 19th — Begins with Stiff wind from N and clear weather, the Ship heading W S W under close reefed Main and mizzen Topsails and foresail . - at 1 A M took in foresail and mizzen Topsail . - at 6 A M heavy Gales, Wore Ship to the N & E . - at noon quite moderate from W S W - and some rain . Set - double reefed fore & mizzen Topsails and foresail and steered N E . - a heavy - Sea from the N & E The last part brisk wind from N W. - at Sunset took in fore & mizzen Topsails Saw Nothing So Ends

Cruising Homeward February 1854

Monday Feb 28th — Begins with brisk wind from NW and good weather, at 5 AM Made all sail and steered NE. employed in making a topmast studingsail, and a yard and boom for it. The last part steered NbE, and a Brig steering to the eastward and a Brig. So Ends

Lat 36.02.10 South Long 50.23.15 West

This day we started for home

Tuesday Feb the 21 — Commences with brisk breezes from NWbW steered NW, at 8 AM finished the topmast studingsail, and set it, and steered NEbE. finished the boom, and sent it up. saw a Bark & Brig working to the South. The latter part strong breezes from SSW to SEbE and squally steered NE, at 6.30 PM took in top gallant sails. Saw no whale So Ends

Lat 34.10.35 South Long 48.56.00 West

Wednesday Feb the 22nd — The first part of these twenty four hours strong wind from ENE to SE and squally weather steered NE. The middle part more moderate. The latter part quite moderate and pleasant So Ends

Lat 32.18.45 South Long 47.00.45 West

Thursday Feb the 23 — The first and middle part brisk breezes from SW to SSW, and fine weather steered NE. sent up Main topgallant studingsail booms and set the studingsail. The latter part light wind, and a Brig heading to westward

287

31 months ago to day I left my dear family and started on this long voyage

Lat 30.26.08 South Long 44.52.30 West

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Friday Feb 24th — The first and middle part light wind from S to E.S.E. steered N.E. The latter part light from E to E by S, the Ship heading N.N.E and N.E by N. Saw nothing. So Ends

Lat 29.06.00 South Long 33.58.30 West

Saturday Feb 25th — The first part light baffling winds from the N & E and some rain the Ship heading to the N & W. The middle part, light rains and calms and pleasant weather, employed in Mending an old Topsail. The last part light wind from the S.W by W, steered N E by E and E.N.E, Saw nothing So Ends

Lat 29.49.36 South Long 33.41.30 West

Sunday Feb 26th — Begins with light airs from the S & W and pleasant weather, steered N E by E. at 9 AM saw a shoal of Sperm whale small Cows and calves. went in Chase of them but Could not get fast. we chased them a long distance to windward, and gave them up, at 2.30 PM got back to the Ship, and Kept off N.E. light wind from W.S.W. at 5 PM light wind from S.E steered N E by E. Saw a Bark bound South So Ends

Lat 27.15.31 South Long 32.57.00 West

Monday Feb 27th — Begins with light wind from the N & E the Ship heading to N by W. at 3 AM tacked to the Eastward, at 5.30 tacked to the N & W, sent old foretopsail & Foresail, all imployed in Saving rigging. The last part brisk wind from E.N.E & E the Ship heading N & N E by E Saw nothing So Ends

Lat 26.06.10 South Long 32.57.45 West

289

Homeward Bound Feb & Mch 1854

Tuesday Feb 28th — The first & middle part of this day had strong breezes from E or E to N E by N; the Ship heading N to N N W by N. The latter part light wind, at 5,30 P M made the Land bearing N by W. at 8 P M tacked Ship to S E by E. So Ends

Lat 24.28.28 South Long 43.42.15 West

Wednesday Mch the 1 — All of these twenty four hours brisk breezes from N E by E to N N E and pleasant weather, the Ship heading S E by E to E. Split fore Topgallant Sail and bent an other, mended a fore Topsail. and Nothing. So Ends

Lat 24.26.45 South Long 42.52.00 West

Thursday Mch the 2nd — All of these twenty four hours light wind from N by W to N E, and fine weather the Ship heading N E by E to E S E. all imployed in mending Sails, Saving rigging &C. Bent a Jib. and a Sail heading to the Eastward. So Ends

Lat 24.35.53 South Long 41.07.15 West

Friday Mch the 3d — The first part light winds from the N E and fine weather the Ship heading E S E. The Middle part light breezes from the N & W the Ship heading N E by E. imployed in setting & Saving rigging. The last part light airs from the S & W steered N E. bent a new Mainsail. and 2 Sail steering to the Eastward. So Ends

Lat 24.26.56 South Long 40.04.30 West

289

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Saturday Mch 4th — The first part light airs from the N & E, the Ship heading to the N & W. at 3 PM tacked to E. The middle part light wind from N E. The last part brisk breezes from N N E, the Ship heading E. all imployed in Ships duty. Saw an Hermorphredite Brig standing to the Eastward. So Ends

Lat 24° 06.52 South Long 38° 14° 15 West

Sunday Mch 5th — All of these twenty-four hours brisk winds from N to N by E, the Ship heading E by N to E N E. the above named Brig in company So Ends Lat 23° 33.45 South Long 38-40.00 West

Monday Mch 6th — The first and middle part of this day brisk breeges from N to N N E the Ship heading E to E N E. Split Main Topgallant Sail, and bent an other. The latter part light wind, and 2 Sail heading to the East So Ends Lat 22 40.38 South Long 34-36.30 West

Tuesday Mch 7th — Begins with light wind from the ~~north~~ the Ship heading to the East. at 1,30 PM tacked to N W by W. at noon tacked to East, imployed in Ships duty, at 6 PM tacked to N W by W. the wind light from N E by E So Ends

Lat 21.52.32 South Long 34.35.45 West

ton Homeward Bound Mch 1854

Wednesday Mch 8th — The first and Middle part light winds from the N & E the Ship heading to N & W all imployes in ships duty. at 2 PM tacked to E - at 6 PM tacked to N Wly saw nothing. So Ends
Lat 20.58.10 South Long 35.11.00 West

Thursday Mch 9th — Begins with light from the N & E the Ship heading to the N & W. the weather good. the people imployed in ships duty. at 3 PM tacked to the Eastward. at 6 tacked to NWly W. saw 2 Brigs heading to the N & W So Ends Lat 19.59.45 South Long 35.44.30 West

Friday Mch 10th — Commences with light winds from the N & E the Ship heading to the N & W. the middle part the same. at 1 PM tacked to East imployed in ships duty, at 2.30 PM tacked to the NNW, saw a Schooner & Brig bound South, and a Brig working to the North So Ends Lat 19.18.16 South Long 36.23.15 W

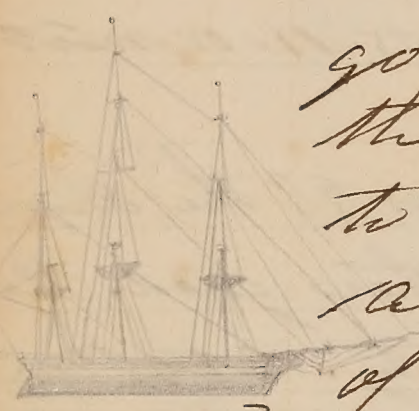
Saturday Mch 11th — All of these twenty-four hours light winds from the N & E and fine weather, the Ship heading to the N & W, imployed in various ships duty, and several sail going to the N & W. So Ends
Lat 17.50.15 South Long 36.55.00 West

271

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Sunday Mch 12th

Begins with brisk breezes from the N & E and squiddy, the Ship heading to the N & W. In tacking Ship in the Starboard watch, they neglected to let the Main Topgallant brace go, and the Yard broke short in the Slings. at noon tacked to the Eastward the weather pleasant at 1 PM Spoke the Ship Forester of Boston Captain Caulfield 72 days from Callao, loaded with Guano bound to Newport Road for orders. The last part light winds from W & to N E, the Ship heading E to E & S E. So Ends



Forester

Lat 16. 37. 11 South Long 37. 33. 00 West

Monday Mch 13th

Begins with light winds from N E by E and fine weather the Ship heading E by S. The middle part the same. Employed in making a main Topgallant Yard. at 4 PM finished it and sent it up bent the Sail and tacked Ship to N N W So Ends

Lat 16. 57. 53 South Long 36. 20. 15 West

Tuesday Mch 14th

Commences with light winds from N E and fine weather the Ship heading N N W, all employed in Ships duty at noon the wind N N E tacked to East. the latter part light airs So Ends

Lat 16. 07. 57 South Long 36. 31. 45 W

792

From Honolulu Homeward Mch 1874

Wednesday Mch 15th — Begins with light winds from N Ebyn the Ship heading N W by n. at 9 AM tacked Ship to E by n. All employed in various Ships duty, Got up the forge and did some Blacksmithing. The latter part light airs and calms. Saw Nothing. So Ends

Lat 18.24.18 South Long 36.33.15 West

Thursday Mch 16th — Begins with light airs and calms from the North the Ship heading to E n E. at 11 AM light wind from S W by S and rainy. Steered N E. The latter part brisk breezes, and cloudy. Killed a Pig. So Ends

No Observation

Friday Mch 17th — Commences with strong breezes from S W by S and cloudy weather, Steered N E and N E by E. The latter part brisk breezes from S to S W and heavy rain, Steered N E all sail out. Saw a big Steering to the N & E So. Ends these twenty four hours

Lat about 13.00.00 S Long about 35.00.00 West

Saturday Mch 18th — Begins with fine breezes from S W. Steered N E The Middle and latter part light winds from the N & E the Ship heading to the N & W. at 8 AM spoke the Big Louriven of Above 2 days from Pernambuco bound to Valparaiso So Ends

Louriven 293 Lat 11.21.13 South Long 34.35.15 West

Ship Betsey Williams -of

Sunday Mch 19th — The first part light airs from the E & N E the Ship heading N & the Middle & latter part fine breezes from N E by E to E by N, the Ship heading N by W to N by E. Saw 2 Brigs & a Ship bound North also a Ship & Brig steering S So Ends

Lat 10.12.31 South Long 34.45.15 West

Monday Mch 20th — Begins with brisk breezes from E by N to E N E, the Ship heading N by E & N. at 4 PM made the land off the Lee bow. tacked Ship to S E; at 6 tacked to the North. The Middle and latter part fine breezes. Worked the Ship to the N & E along the land. Saw a number of fish boats. Saw several Ships, Barks, and Brigs. 2 of the Ships Whalers. So Ends

Lat 8.45.15 South Long 34.45.30 West

Tuesday Mch the 21 — Begins with fine breezes from E to E by N and pleasant weather. worked the Ship along the land to the N & E. At 5 PM past by Pernambuco, saw several sail off & on, came to anchor. The Middle part brisk winds from E steered N W E. At 4 PM wind S E by E steered N all sail out So Ends

Lat 7.22.18 South Long 34.31.30 West

Stonington Homeward bound Mch 1854

Wednesday Mch the 22 — All of these twenty-four hours brisk winds from S E to S S E and good weather, Steered N and N by W; employed in Ships duty Rattling &c. So Ends
Lat 7.15.28 S Long 35.24.30 West

Thursday Mch the 23d — All of this day brisk winds from S E to S S E and good weather, Steered N & N by W, all employed in Ships duty Rattling rigging &c, So Ends
Lat 1.13.55 S Long 36.45.15 West

Friday Mch 24th — All of these twenty-four hours baffling winds from S E to E by E and Squally weather and heavy showers of rain. Made and took in Sail according to the force of the wind. Saw nothing So Ends

Saturday Mch 25th — The first and middle part of this day baffling winds from N E to S E and squally weather and rain. At 2 PM spoke the United States Mail Steam Ship Sonora bound to California Via. Pernambuco. The last part brisk wind from N E and more steady, Steered N W by W. So Ends
Lat about 8.00 N Long 38.45.00 West

Sonora of New York

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Sunday Mch 26th — The first part brisk wind from N E and Cloudy Weather. Steered N W by W. The Middle & latter part more pleasant, Split the fore topgallant sail. And nothing to End.
Lat 4.53.17 North Long 30.12.15 West

Monday Mch 27th — Begins with brisk wind from N E and cloudy weather, Steered N W, at daylight unbent the fore topgallantsail to Mend at 8,30 AM bent it. The Middle part pleasant weather, all employed in getting Rigging rattling &c. The latter part brisk wind from N E to N N E. So Ends
Lat 6.57.45 North Long 42.41.30 West

Tuesday Mch 28th — All of these twentyfour-hours brisk breezes from N E by E to E N E, and Passing clouds Steered N W, imployed in Ships duty and nothing. So Ends
Lat 8.59.00 North Long 45.21.30 West

Wednesday Mch 29th — All of this easy brisk winds from N E to E N E, and the weather quite good steered N W, imployed in Ships duty. And Nothing. So Ends.
Lat 10.57.03 North Long 47.48.45 West

Thursday Mch 30th — The most of these twentyfour hours brisk breezes from N E by E to E N E, and good weather steered N W, imployed in Ships duty. So Ends
Lat 12.54.36 North Long 50.13.30 West

Homeward bound Mch 1854

Friday Mch the 31 — All of these twenty four hours brisk wind from N E by N to N E by E and passing clouds. Steered N W. put new covers to the carpenter and coopers Chest, and Nothing to Ends

Lat 14°54'52 North Long 52°21'15 West

Saturday April the 1 — The first part of this day brisk wind from N E to E N E and squally. Steered N W. The middle and latter part brisk wind and good weather. all employed in ships duty, getting ready for painting. and Nothing to Ends Lat 17°01'22 North Long 55°12'00 West

Sunday April the 2nd — Begins with Strong breezes from N E and squally weather, Steered N W. at 2 P M took in the light Sails. at 11 A M more pleasant, Set fore & main Topgallant Sails. The latter part all Sail out. Saw a Ship Steering to the N & W and a Ship and Schooner Steering to the S & W. Saw Gulf weed. So Ends

Lat 19°14'25 North Long 58°01'00 West

Monday April 3d — The first and middle part brisk wind from N E to E N E, and good weather. Steered N W. employed in various Ships duty, Mixed some paint ready for painting Ship when the weather comes more moderate. Moved the fore under the house aft & put it mid ships. The last part fine breezes from E and a big Sea running N. So Ends

Lat 21°34'47 North Long 60°41'45 West

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Tuesday April 4th — Commences with fine breezes from E and pleasant weather. Steered N.W, with all Sail out. The Middle part light winds, finished rattling the rigging, and painted the fil boom and some of the Iron work. Saw Nothing. So Ends
Lat 23.06.41 North Long 62.42.30 West

Wednesday April 5th — Begins with light airs from E to N.E and pleasant weather. The Middle part the same steered N.W. all hands imployed in fetting rigging. The letter part all hands imployed in washing Ship inside, and getting ready for Painting. at 6 P.M brisk breezes from N.E and cloudy with a heavy Sea from the N&W. Saw 2 Sail heading to the N&W So Ends
Lat 23.54.45 N Long by C 63.31.30 & by L 63.40.00 West

Thursday April 6th — All of these twenty four hours Strong winds from N.N.E to N.E by E. Steered N.W. imployed in painting the Ship inside, She hove so much water over that we could not paint any farther than the after part of the Main Rigging, in fact she wet some that we did not paint farther aft. Saw Nothing So Ends
Lat 23.34.30 North Long 66.36.31 West

Homeward bound April 1854

Friday April 7th — Commences with fine breezes from N & E and good weather. Steered N W. The middle part light wind from E & E. All imployed in Painting Ship inside. The last part light wind from E & to N E. Saw nothing. So Ends

Lat 27° 13' 18 North Long 67° 41' 30 West

Saturday April 8th — The first and middle part of this day light wind from E & E to E and fine weather, Steered N W, imployed in Painting The last part brisk breezes and cloudy at 2,30 P M Steered N & E. Saw Grampuses So Ends

Lat 28° 36' 30 North Long 69° 29' 30 West

Sunday April 9th — Begins with fine breezes from E and cloudy weather. Steered N & W. The Middle part light wind from S E and pleasant The latter part wind S & E and cloudy Saw a Ship heading to the S & W So Ends

Lat 31° 12' 18 N Long 71° 10' 30 West

Monday April 10th — Commences with brisk wind from S E to S and cloudy weather with some rain Steered N W by W & N & W. The Middle part brisk wind from S W and pleasant all imployed in Painting yards &c. The latter part pleasant breezes from S W to S by W. at 2 P M Steered as So Ends

Lat 33° 48' 25 North Long 72° 28' 15 West

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Tuesday
April 11th

Begins with Strong wind from S W to W S W and Squally Steered N under double reefed Topsails and foresail .. at 9 P M the fore rope to the foresail parted and split the sail orbent it and bent an other. The Middle part Strong Gales from W and passing clouds the Ship heading N N E under Close reefed fore & Mizzen and double reefed Main Topsail and foresail The Latter part Squally and the wind baffling, at 8 P M Steered Ship to W N W the Wind W and Cloudy weather. Saw Several Sail to day going Various ways saw a Finback. So Ends

Lat 35.39.29 North Long 72.00.45 West

Wednesday
April 12th

Commences with Strong Gales from the North, the Ship heading to the West ward, under Short Sail. The Middle & Latter part light airs and Calms from the Eastward, the Ship heading to the North. all hands employed in Throwing over Dry work, washing, and painting Ship Saw Several Sail So Ends

Lat 35.59.35 North Long 72.36.30 West

Thursday
April 13th

Begins with light wind from E to S W and pleasant Steered N. The middle part Calm wet weather. The latter part light baffling airs and calms from the South Steered N. and by Sail heading to the North So Ends

Homeward bound April 1854

Friday April 14th

Begins with light baffling airs and calms and pleasant weather. The Middle part fine breezes from N to E & E and pleasant weather, the Ship heading W & W to W. employed overseas in various ships duty. The latter part thing wind from E & E to E by S and Cloudy weather, the Ship heading S & W by E. at 4.30 PM passed close by a Schooner heading to the North. Called the Sea Breeze; did not ascertain the place she haled from, at 6 PM took in Topgallant sails, and reefed the fore & mizzen Topsails, a bad Sea going from the North. So Ends

Lat 37.42 N 57 North Long 72.26.45 West

Saturday April 15th

Commences with brisk Gales from E and dark Cloudy weather, steered N by E. under hull Main and double reefed fore & mizzen Topsails Jib and Courses, at 2,30 AM Strong Gales and thick rainy weather, the Jib halyards parted and the Jib tore to rags. took in the Mainsail and mizzen Topsail and 2 reefed the Main Topsail. at 3 AM heavy Gales from E & E and squally, took in the foresail and fore Topsail, it blew a compleat hurricane in a Squall, and split the Main Topsail to pieces below the Close reef, furled it and veered ship to the S & E. at 8 AM bent a new Main Spencer & set it, the old one NW Clewed to rags. at 8 PM reefed the foresail and set it, the Ship heading S by E to E S E. the wind blowing a heavy gale from E & E & Cold wet weather. a heavy Sea running, and 2 sail bound South, So Ends

391

Ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Monday April 16th Commences with heavy gales from N E to E N E and wet weather; the ship lying under Main Spencer, reefed Foresail, and foretopmast Staysail, heading from E S E to S E, a very heavy Sea running. At 2 P M it blew a compleat hurricane in Squalls. took in the Foresail, the Sea running Mountains high, the ship lying like a duck. at 10 P M the wind lulled after a heavy Squal and the Sea broke under the waist boat and Stove her badly. saw a number of Vessels lying under what Sailors call a close reefed Mitten, that is to say, Main spencer and Foretopmast Staysail. I have thought much of home and its Comforts to day, and think if this Scene Could take is be in vain, I never should go on other whale Voyage, but stay at home with Phebe and the babes

Monday April 17th Begins with heavy gales from E & E and a very heavy Sea running, the ship lying under main spencer and fore topmast Staysail, heading to the S E. At 6 A M the wind let go and hauled to the South, Veered Ship to the North & East and set Foresail and close reefed fore & Mizzen Topsails. a Bark Whaler close by. at 7 bent Main Topsail. at 9 bent a Jib. the middle part fine breezes from the S & W and pleasant weather Steered N by E. at 4 P M bent a Fore Topsail, saw a number

272

Homeward bound April 1854

of Ships Schooners and Brigs, and a large four masted Steamship heading to the Eastward So Enos Lat 38°09'47 North Long 73°25'45 West

Tuesday April 18th Comes with light airs and calms from the SSW. Steered NNE, the weather cloudy. at 1 AM light wind from NE the Ship heading NNW. at 2 AM Strong wind and rainy weather at 3 AM took in Topgallant Sails, and Reefed the Topsails. at 3.30 AM Veered Ship to E. at 5 AM took in Jib and close reefed the Mizzen Topsails. the Middle part Strong wind from NbyW and Squally the Ship heading NEbyE. the latter part light wind from NNW to NbyW and fine weather the Ship heading NE&NEbyE. at 6 PM all Sail out by the wind. and 7 Sail heading to the NE & E and 2 to the westward. Rove new fore Sheets, fore braces & fore tacks. So Enos Lat 38°34'47 North Long 73°06'15 West

Wednesday April 19th The first and middle part of this day light wind from NW to WNW and fine weather. Steered NNE & NEbyE. employed in in various Ships duty got the anchors on the bow. and headed up the Boat Gear, lines, and fresh water buckets in cask. The latter part light wind from NW Steered NEbyE and 20 to 25 Sail of vessels. Past an Thermosphere site big Calla the Chetsford Steering South So Enos

475

Lat 39°37'33
Long 72°38'30

Thursday
April 20th

Begins with light wind from the westward and fine pleasant weather. Steered to the N & East.

At Midnight saw Fire Island light bearing West. Kept off E at 2 AM Steered Elayer. at 5 E by E at 5 NE by N at 6 NNE at 7,30 took a pilot from a new London Pilot boat, at 3 PM Came to anchor in Huntington harbour and at 5 PM I met my family living and in as good health as I expected for which I thank God